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Stand warning row grows

JUDGE TO HEAD FIRE INQUIRY

Extra checks on small clubs

Mr. Justice Popplewell, 57, who is to head the Bradford Inquiry, is a keen sportsman and member of the M.C.C. In Who's Who his hobbies are given as cricket, sailing and tennis but soccer is not on the list. The Judge was educated at Charterhouse and Cambridge, where he gained a Blue for cricket, and he was called to the Bar in 1951. He is married, with three sons, and lives at Chartridge, Bucks.

AN INQUIRY into the football stadium tragedy at Bradford and the riot death at Birmingham last Saturday was ordered by Mr. Brittan, Home Secretary, yesterday as the death toll in the Bradford fire rose to 53. The inquiry will be chaired by Mr Justice Popplewell, a High Court judge.

Mr Brittan also announced that all third and fourth division clubs in the Football League will have to apply for safety certificates under the 1975 Safety of Sports Ground Act, which at present applies only to First and Second division clubs.

Meanwhile, the row continued over whether Bradford City F C had been warned that their timber stand was a fire hazard. Mr John Gunnell, leader of West Yorkshire County Council, produced copies of two letters sent to the club secretary last July about fire risks. And Mr Richard Faulkner, secretary of the Football Trust, said the club had used one of the letters to secure an improvement grant.

Mr Stafford Heginbotham, the club chairman, was adamant that neither he nor his fellow directors had received such letters. The club secretary, Mr Terence Newman, could not be contacted.

Police, who have interviewed more than 2,000 spectators, insist that they do not yet know the cause of the disaster, but they have not ruled out the possibility that a smoke bomb may have been tossed into the stand from a nearby terrace.

Commons statement—P2; Council releases letters and other fire reports—P3

Conflict on risk warnings

By JAMES ALLAN

THE controversy over whether Bradford City football club had been warned that its 77-year-old timber stand was a fire hazard continued yesterday as the death toll from Saturday's inferno rose to 53, with three people still unaccounted for.

Though Mr Stafford Heginbotham, the club chairman, remained adamant during the day that neither he, nor his fellow directors, had received any letters from West Yorkshire County Council warning that the stand was a fire trap it was revealed that the club had used one of the two letters to secure an improvement grant.

And at a Press conference in London the council leader, Mr John Gunnell, produced copies of two letters addressed to the club secretary, Mr Terence Newman, and posted to him at the Valley Parade ground on July 11 and 18 last year.

Last night Mr Heginbotham admitted there appeared to be conflicting evidence, but claimed he could not comment further because the matter was now *sub judice* in view of the inquiry set up by the Home Secretary, Mr Brittan.

Secretary away

The club secretary could not be contracted. His wife and children left their Bradford home with an overnight bag and a police escort.

The revelation of the club's use of one of the warning letters came from Mr Richard Faulkner, secretary of the Football Trust, which administers the £7 million a year provided by the football pools firms for ground improvements.

He said Bradford F C wrote on July 21 last year applying for a grant for improvements to the stand.

With the application they enclosed a letter from the county council dated July 11 which described the asphalt and felt-covered roof of the stand as "an unacceptable fire hazard."

The club also enclosed a longer letter from West Yorkshire police supporting the application.

As a result a 60 per cent grant was offered in January this year by the Football Grounds Improvement Trust.

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Labour MPs critical

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

MR BRITTAN, Home Secretary, yesterday announced a judicial inquiry and other moves aimed at improving safety at all sports grounds in Britain following the football stadium tragedy at Bradford and the violence by hooligans at Birmingham last Saturday.

He told the Commons in a statement that he had asked Mr Justice Popplewell, a High Court judge, to chair an inquiry.

Its terms of reference were: "To inquire, with particular reference to the events at Bradford City and Birmingham football grounds on 11 May into the operation of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975: and to recommend what, if any, further steps should be taken, including any that may be necessary under additional powers, to improve both crowd safety and crowd control at sports grounds."

Mr Brittan was strongly criticised by Labour MPs for linking the fire which killed at least 53 fans at the Bradford City football ground with the crowd violence which led to the death of one spectator at Birmingham City stadium.

Mr Kaufman, Shadow Home Secretary, said that the ordering of a joint inquiry was "insensitive and in the worst possible taste" and would be "deeply offensive to the bereaved, the victims, the stricken cities and the nation."

'Artificial to divorce the two'

The Home Secretary replied that it was Mr Kaufman's criticism which did "not respond to the mood of the nation of the House."

He insisted, as he had done in his prepared statement, that crowd behaviour and safety standards were "very much related and it would be wholly artificial to divorce the two."

The Opposition criticism was the only disharmony in an occasion where the House was united in shock and sympathy at the two football grounds tragedies, especially at Bradford.

Mr Brittan said that the entire nation had been horrified and appalled at the terrible tragedy at Bradford.

The crowd trouble at Birmingham had been a further example of disgraceful football violence.

He added: "The events at Bradford and Birmingham were in their different ways both tragic and sickening. Nothing will wipe away the memory of that terrible afternoon.

"But our task must be to take urgent steps to minimise the chance of recurrence. The measures I have announced are dsigned to that end."

Mr Brittan said that the inquiry's fundamental task would be to ensure that the demands of safety, on the one hand, and control on the other, were not only each satisfied in themselves, but also satisfied compatibly with each other.

A subsidiary but important task would be for the inquiry to review what was known as the "Green Code."

This was the "guide to safety at sports grounds," which provides guidelines for local authorities as to the conditions that they should require of clubs seeking certification under the 1975 Act.

He would ask that the inquiry should proceed with all possible speed, taking account of and supplementing, as necessary, the findings of all current investigations.

The chairman of the inquiry would be assisted by appropriately qualified assessors and would have such technical

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CLUB'S PUBLIC LIABILITY COVER ONLY £1m

By Our City Staff

Bradford City Football Club had its stand insured with Lloyd's for about £500,000 and its public liability with Sun Alliance and London Insurance.

The Sun Alliance which covers all 92 teams in the Football League said whether a claim is made will still depend on the club's legal liability. It may be necessary for the victims or their relatives to prove the club was negligent.

Even then it is unlikely that the policy would meet all claims because it is thought to cover only up to around £1 million.

SUNDAY REPLAY

The Football League yesterday gave permission for Bradford City and Lincoln City to replay their abandoned match at Bradford Northern's rugby league ground next Sunday afternoon. Proceeds will go to the Lord Mayor of Bradford's disaster fund.

Mr David Hustler, of Shipley, nursing his injuries in St Luke's Hospital, Bradford, yesterday.

POLICE INTERVIEW GANG

Daily Telegraph Reporter

POLICE spent yesterday interviewing hundreds of fans in a search for clues to the cause of the Bradford City fire. The fans included a gang nicknamed "Ointment," which is renowned for causing trouble at matches.

Shopkeepers said that on Saturday the gang had bought greenhouse fumigators which give off clouds of smoke. The youths, some as young as 11, also bought aerosols of car paint marked highly inflammable.

Such items would normally be confiscated by police at the gates of the Bradford City ground. But spot checks on spectators were relaxed last Saturday because it was a gala day to mark the club's promotion to the Second Division.

Readily available

Normally the gang members congregate on the terrace, but on Saturday some went into the stand because it would have been easier to get on to the pitch at the end of the game.

Last night police stressed that it was not yet known whether any criminal offences were involved and there were "no suspects" at that stage.

"Smoke bombs" of various types are available readily over the counter to anyone claiming to be 18 at garden centres and similar stores.

They have the disadvantage to police and football authorities that they can be easily concealed.

FBI UNCOVER PLOT TO KILL GANDHI IN U.S.

By Our Washington Staff

Mr William Webster, the director of the F B I, said yesterday that his bureau had thwarted a plot by Indian Sikh terrorists to assassinate Mr Rajiv Gandhi, India's Prime Minister, during his visit to the United States next month.

The F B I said that seven people hae been arrested and charged and that the plot also included plans to assassinate Dhajan Lal, Chief Minister of the Indian State of Hariana while he was visiting the United States.

New commissioner

Our New Delhi corerspondent writes: India's new High Commissioner in the United Kingdom will be Dr P. C. Alexander, former principal secretary to the Indian Prime Minister, Dr Alexander, an economist, was educated in Britain.

Gandhi pledge—P5

LEGION TOLL RISES TO 36

By Our Health Services Correspondent

The outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease in Staffordshire claimed tow more lives yesterday, bringing the death toll to 36. A further 68 patients are still being treated for symptoms of the disease in three hospitals in the area.

The two patients who died were both 84, consistent with the past pattern of the disease in striking down the elderly rather than younger and more resilient patients. But a woman of 45 from Cannock was admitted to hospital yesterday with Legionnaire symptoms.

Broken-leg survivor 'felt my head fry'

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

AS teams of surgeons yesterday carried out the first 20 of the long series of skin grafts needed by the victims of the Bradford football disaster, other survivors awaiting their turn at surgery described the horror of scrambling from the inferno.

"I could feel the skin on my bald head frying," said 47-year-old Bradford company director Mr John Whitehead. He flung himself to safety despite having gone to the game suffering from a broken leg and walking with sticks.

Yesterday, in his bed at St Luke's hospital, Bradford, with both arms immobilised in foam sheets and having to be fed through a straw, he said that when the fire broke out he became separated from his son Peter, 21.

Although he made it to the back of the stand, he realised he would not get out that way.

"I found myself wedged between people and thought I had had it. I could feel the skin on my bald head frying.

"But suddenly there was daylight in front of me. Broken leg or not, I just hurled myself over the wall and out on to the pitch."

His son also escaped.

Pain came later

In a bed nearby was Mr David Hustler, one of 47 people awaiting plastic surgery at St Luke's. He was badly burned when he delayed his escape to rescue others.

"The worst part of it all was the shock of what was happening and seeing people dying in front of me. The pain only came afterwards," he said.

A 45-year-old father of two, Mr Hustler, from Shipley, explained: "We realised some idiot had thrown a smoke bomb but we didn't worry about it because we were too absorbed in the match."

Then the fireball erupted.

He screamed

"I sat on the back of my seat trying to get people to run down the stand, because if anybody went to the back they would have had it.

"I dragged one elderly woman who was quite heavy over the sats by the scruff of the neck. She has probably got more injuries from me rescuing her than from the fire.

"Then as I pushed her over the wall on to the pitch a young guy screamed at me and I turned to help him.

"As I pushed him over the wall the flames hit my back. If I hadn't helped him I wouldn't have been hurt.

"I burned my hands banging him on the back to put the flames out on his clothing. He waved at each other from our stretchers as we were taken away."

Eighteen out-patients were readmitted to hospital yesterday after fresh inspection of burns clinic at Bradford Royal Infirmary.

Manned by teams of experts drafted in to help from specialist burns units in Manchester, Leeds and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the clinic dealt with 86 people returning for treatment.

Arriving at the hospital in twos and threes, many of them still looked shocked, and the vast majority had bandaged hands or heads.

One of the oldest casualties, Mr Fred Sutcliffe, 82, was helped inside by his wife, Audrey, 65, both were burned on the legs, and Mr Sutcliffe also had head and ear burns.

The patients were received in four bays with a plastic surgeon in each to assess injuries and send victims to the appropriate treatment station. Some were suffering from delayed shock and the effects of smoke inhalation while others had lost all their hair.

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HELICOPTER DOWNED

Leftist guerrillas shot down army helicopter, killing six soldiers in mountain area of south-western Colombia.—Reuter.

WALL STREET

Pound made a strong start to week by climbing cent and a half against dollar to $1·2610 compared to Friday's $1·2455.

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PRESS BUTTON ROW

By Our Transport Correspondent

Guards disrupted services on some routs to London Bridge yesterday, saying they needed more training on how to press a button to work sliding doors on new trains.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Depression will move NW over the North Sea.

LONDON, E. MIDLANDS: Mainly cloudy, rain. Wind backing NW moderate. Max 55F (13C).

S.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA: Cloudy, rain, hill and coastal fog. Wind N backing NW moderate or fresh. Max 54F (12C).

CENT. S. ENGLAND, W. MIDLANDS: Bright intervals, scattered showers. Rain later. Wind N, light or moderate. Max 56F (13C).

CHANNEL ISLANDS, S.W. ENGLAND, S. WALES: Bright intervals, scattered showers heavy in places. Wind NW light or moderate. Max 59F (15C).

S NORTH SEA: Wind N backing SW force 1-3 or 4. Sea slight.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENGLISH CHANNEL (E): Wind NW force 1-3 backing W to SW 4 or 5. Sea smooth becoming moderate.

ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL: Wind variable becoming mainly W force 1-3 or 4. Sea slight.

IRISH SEA: Wind N force 5 backing NW 1-3. Sea moderate.

OUTLOOK: Occasional rain, becoming drier and warmer.

(Weather maps—P34)

HUMIDITY FORECAST:

London	90(85)	90(90)	95(95)
Birmingham	85(85)	90(85)	90(100)
Manchester	80(85)	90(85)	90(85)
Newcastle	85(85)	85(85)	90(95)

(Yesterday's figures in brackets)

Labour MP in Falklands flare-up

By PATRICK WATTS in Port Stanley

AN argument between a Labour MP and the wife of a Falklands councillor, during which a water jug was crashed down on the table right under the MP's nose, brought the official lunch celebrating the opening of Mount Pleasant airport to an abrupt halt yesterday.

Mr George Foulkes, the official Labour party representative at the celebrations, and Mrs. Pat Luxton, become involved in a argument over the Government's policy towards the Falklands and future relationships with Argentina.

'More guts'

Mr Foulkes told Mrs Luxton that "the mad mothers of the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires had more guts than the Falkland Islanders"—a reference to the women who march silently once a week in memory of sons and husbands who disappeared under the Argentine juntas.

Councillor Luxton said: "Understandably my wife took exception to this insult and exploded, smashing a water jug down on the table right under Foulkes's nose."

Later Mrs Luxton and Mr Foulkes continued their argument, but Mr. Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, intervened taking Mr Foulkes aside for a chat.

School plot at Labour HQ

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

TO the embarrassment of the Labour leadership a Militant-Front organisation, the Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign, has been operating from its party headquarters for several months.

The group played a large part in the co-ordination of the recent pupils' strike.

Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, last month dismissed the organisers of the school strike as "a bunch of daffies," but next week he will be further incensed when he learns of the activities of group based at Walworth Road.

A report from the party's organisation sub-committee will be before next Wednesday's meeting of the party's National Executive Committee recommending eviction of the campaign's volunteers from party headquarters, and a full-scale inquiry into its structure and its relationship with the party.

Moderates on the organisation sub-committee are keen to distance the party from this campaign group. They voted seven-five yesterday in favour of the eviction and the inquiry.

£4,000 fund

They are particularly concerned that the Labour party has provided funds to this group—so far a total of some £4,000—and they now want to ensure that the cash is being spent on the projects for which the campaign originally received the money.

If the NEC endorses the decision of the organisation sub-committee it will be a major step towards examining the wider influence and infiltration of Militant supporters in Labour's ranks.

Mr Charles Turnock, the committee chairman, said yesterday that the decision had been prompted by the association last month of the group with the call for a school strike.

He explained it had also emerged that the group's Press officer worked as a research volunteer to Mr Andy Bevan, the party's youth officer from Walworth Road, and that another two linked with the campaign were also regular volunteers at the headquarters.

What has particularly concerned party officials is the apparent carte-blanche use by the group of party stationery and telephones.

Mr Peter Wells-Thorp, the group's Press officer said: "We welcome the inquiry as we have nothin gto hide. Everything the campaign has done since its formation in 1981 has been backed by the National Executive."

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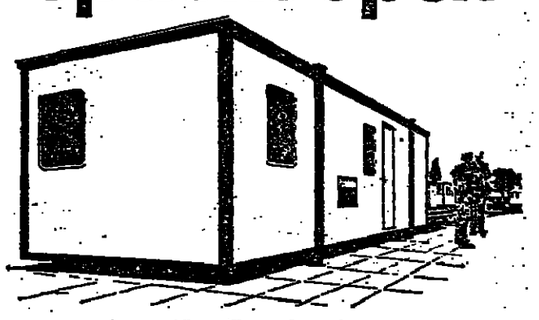

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I NEVER MEANT TO KILL CABBIE, MINER WEEPS

By LIN JENKINS

THE miner who caused the death of taxi driver DAVID WILKIE by dropping a 46lb lump of concrete through his windscreen wept yesterday as he denied trying to kill the strike-breaker being taken to work in the car.

"I've never hurt a fly in my life," DEAN HANCOCK, 21, his head bowed, told his consel Mr GARETH WILLIAMS Q C at Cardiff Crown Court.

Cross-examined by Mr MARTIN THOMAS QC, prosecuting, he insisted: "I didn't feel strongly enough about the strike to hurt him."

When the strike began, he welcomed it for giving him more free time for rabbiting and fishing.

"I couldn't give a damn about the strike," he said.

He held no particular political feelings and for the first few months neither attended union meetings nor joined picket lines.

Picket rota

But later, in order to earn a few pounds, he joined the rota for picketing at the local open-cast site, and helped distribute food parcels.

He admitted that he had thrown a bottle at the home of Mr DAVID WILLIAMS, the passenger in the taxi, and called out "scabby bastard."

And the day before the taxi ambush on Nov. 30 at Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan, he had joined two others in cutting down a pole to block a road it was likely to use on its way to Merthyr Vale pit.

Hancock denies murder, but admits manslaughter—a plea rejected by the Crown. RUSSELL SHANKLAND, 21, a bachelor, of Manest Street, Rhymney, also denies murder.

On the instructions of the judge Mr Justice MANN the jury has acquitted ANTHONY WILLIAMS, 26, of Ty Coch, Rhymney, of murder. He still denies two charges of conspiring to damage the tax with intent to endanger life or being reckless about the danger.

Hancock, who spent a couple of years without full-time work before becoming one of the last people recruited to Oakdale colliery, Gwent, had waited for 25 minutes on the bridge over the Heads of the Valley road at Rhymney before dawn on Nov. 30 for the taxi and its police escort to pass.

He and Shankland had balanced the concrete slab and a concrete post on the railings above their head.

Hancock said that as the convoy approached "I just pushed the block and ran. I heard a crash, a smash. I heard a siren go off and was terrified. I just saw a blur of lights and did not get up to look."

Asked by Mr Gareth Williams, if there was ever a time when he and Shankland stood holding an object to hurl at the convoy, he replied in a broken voice "Honest to God, no.

"I feel terribly ashamed of what I have done. I can't express my feelings. I don't suppose his family will ever forgive me. I feel terrible. I am sorry for what I have done."

He said he put the concrete block over the middle lane of the road "more than anything just to make our presence felt. After the block fell, more than likely police would have stopped everything."

After the crash he ran over the mountain to the home of his girl friend Carol Hopkins

"I said I think we have killed somebody. I was terrified. When we heard it on the radio, Russell got up and was running around in circles. Anthony was saying perhaps he had kids, and things like that."

Shankland, in his evidence, said he had believed that the concrete would be placed in the road to disrupt the police convoy.

"I personally didn't know which way they would be coming. They could have come over the bridge, in which case we would have laid it in the road, on under it, in which case we could have dropped it in the middle lane. It was just a protest at David Williams going to work."

The hearing was adjourned

Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, joking with Joan Evans, a donor attendant, after giving a pint of blood at the Treasury in London yesterday.

COSTS HIT WELSH MUSEUM

By KEITH NURSE
Arts Correspondent

THE National Museum of Wales at Cardiff and its branch, the Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum in the city's dockland, are to close on Mondays from next month in a move to cut costs.

It will reduce staff costs by £50,000 a year. The 400 staff in the Museum's main building and various branches in the Principality have been told that the alternative to Monday closure and other measures would have been compulsory redundancies.

The cutbacks reflect the increasingly difficult cash problems now faced by museums and galleries throughout the country.

Admission charges are not being introduced at the main Museum of Wales building at Cathays Park, Cardiff, or at the Industrial and Maritime Museum.

Decline in grant

But at another branch, the Welsh Folk Museum at St Fagans, the 40p adult entrance fee is to be raised to £2 (children £1) from June to October.

The Museum says it has seen a steady decline, in real terms, in the level of its annual grant from the Government in recent years. The introduction of the new measures is the only way it can manage to balance its books.

In London the National Gallery has announced that it will remain open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout June, July and August, giving visitors another two hours to view the paintings on its main exhibition floor.

The reinstating of summer evening opening, last operated in 1982, follows an arrangement with the Civil Service Union

FARMER'S £1.3m

Mr Edward Charles Hampton, of Church Farm, Fenstanton, Cambs., a farmer and wholesale merchant who died on Oct. 14 aged 79, has left estate valued at £1,391,069 net (£1,391,968 gross).

Latest Wills—P18

Boston link to IRA bullet-proof vests

By IAN BALL in New York

FOUR Irish-American police officers in Boston have been implicated in the foiled attempt last September to smuggle seven tons of arms and ammunition to the I R A.

The police allegedly used their positions to buy an advanced type of light-weight bullet-proof vest that evidently was part of the I R A's shopping list.

Eleven of the bullet-proof vests were found in the arms shipment seized when the Irish Navy and rish police boarded the trawler Marita Ann after it allegedly kept a rendezvous off the rish coast with the Boston ocean-going trawler, Valhalla, on ept. 29.

By serial numbers, the vests were traced to the four police officers—two members of the Boston City Police Department and two members of the Metropolitan istrict Commission which is responsible for law enforcement in the reater Boston area.

Seller keeps record

Ahese bullet-proof vests — similar to the protective undergarment worn on some public occasions by President Reagan — cannot be acquired easily.

ome police forces issue the vests to men in the field; in police departments where the vests are not standard issue, it is not unusual for officers to buy them privately.

When bullet-proof vests are sold, the seller is required by law to keep a record of the serial numbers. In this way, the link to the four Boston police officers was established.

The Valhalla, the 70-ft trawler said to have acted as the mother ship that ferried the arms to the Marita Ann, was seized by the United States Customers on Oct. 16 at its berth on the Boston watrefront. The ship remains under arrest.

POLICE CHASE TOLL

Five people were killed last year in road accidents involving Metropolitan police vehicles engaged on emergency calls or pursuing suspect vehicles. Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday in a Commons written reply.

FUTURE OF UDR 'NOT NEGOTIABLE'

By Our Belfast Staff

THE future of the Ulster Defence Regiment is not a matter for negotiation between the British and Irish Governments, Mr Hurd, Ulster Secretary, said in Belfast yesterday.

He was commenting on reports that Dr Garret FitzGerald, Irish Premier, said in New York last week that the regiment's future had emerged as a stumbling block in Anglo-Irish talks.

The official talks, in advance of an expected summit on Ulster in the summer, have led Unionist politicians in Belfast to suspect that a "deal" is being arranged behind their backs.

The Rev Ian Paisley believes that a united Ireland is being planned with "irritants" such as the UDR and the Royal Ulster Constabulary being negotiated with Dublin.

Murder charges

Some U D R members have been charged with murdering Catholics, and links have been alleged with Protestant paramilitary groups. The regiment, formed in 1970, has a strength of 7,000, but is believed to be less than two per cent Catholic.

Mr Hurd said yesterday: "For the foreseeable future, the U D R plays an indispensable part in the security of the Province and therefore will not be disbanded.

"There is a public exchange of views about the U D R, and Irish ministers from time to time make points to us about it, but the U D R is not a matter for negotiation."

Inquiry into soccer tragedy to seek improved crowd safety

By ANTHONY LOOCH

URGENT steps had to be taken to minimise the chances of a recurrence of the "tragic and sickening" events at Bradford and Birmingham on Saturday afternoon, Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday.

He announced that he had asked Mr Justice Popplewell to chair an inquiry into the operation of the 1975 Safety of Sports Grounds Act.

There would be particular reference to the events at Bradford City and Birmingham City football grounds on Saturday, he said.

The inquiry would have to recommend whether further steps should be taken, including any which might be necessary under additional powers, to improve crowd safety and crowd control at sports grounds.

'Serious mistake'

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Shadow Home Secretary, said the Government had made a "serious mistake" in linking the two events, which were essentially quite different.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (C., Bury St Edmunds), Police Federation spokesman in the Commons, told the House that the police had suffered "more than enough casualties" through football. They were now looking to Mr Brittan to provide them with more powers to deal with troublemakers at football matches.

Mr Brittan replied that he would take note of this "friendly warning." He would soon be announcing the conclusions of his present public order review.

Earlier, in his statement, Mr Brittan said the nation had been horrified and appalled by the "terrible tragedy" at the Bradford City football ground.

Tribute to courage

He paid tribute to the courage and professionalism of the police and fire services. "No one who has seen the television film of the events can doubt that as much as could be done was done to get people out of the stand, and then to deal with the aftermath of the fire," he said.

He also expressed "warm appreciation" to the medical and pathological teams, the ambulance service and all the hospital and voluntary agencies who had given aid.

On the same day many people had been hurt and one spectator had subsequently died as a result of serious crowd disorder at the match between Birmingham City and Leeds United. This trouble had arisen from violence by groups of fans from both clubs, he said.

"In all there were 125 arrests, while 96 police officers required medical treatment. Two are still in hospital. Over 80 spectators were injured.

"Some of the injuries were caused when a wall collapsed following a surge in the crowd, and it was a boy of 15 who subsequently died of the injuries he received," he said.

"This was a further example of disgraceful football violence, which illustrates the link between the problems of crowd safety and crowd control."

The magnitude of Saturday's events demanded urgent steps to examine what could be done to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

The inquiry which was being set up was fundamentally to ensure that the demands of safety on the one hand, and control on the other, were not only satisfied in themselves, but were also satisfied compatibly with each other.

An important subsidiary task for it would be to review the so-called "Green Code"—the "guide to safety at sports grounds" which provided guidelines for local authorities on the conditions they should require of clubs seeking certification under the 1975 Act.

Checks extended

Mr Brittan added that he had decided to designate all grounds in the Third and Fourth Divisions of the Football League, so that they would become subject to the system of safety certification under the 1975 Safety of Sports Grounds Act.

"The Government announced on April 1 that we would be extending designation to Third and Fourth Division grounds, but starting with those with a record of club violence.

"It is plain, however, that the time for selective action has passed. Accordingly I shall be discussing with the football authorities immediately how universal designation may be implemented as soon as possible."

'Fund' suggestion

Mr Brittan said he had asked fire officers immediately to visit uncertificated sports statia, to advise management on what steps they should take to secure proper standards of crowd safety in their particular circumstances.

Mr Kaufman said the Government should have announced a separate inquiry on the Bradford disaster.

A fund should be started for the relief of victims and their families as some families had been deprived of a breadwinner and some of the injured might need years of medical treatment which would result in loss of earnings.

Would the Government be ready to make legal aid available to those who might wish to consider legal action against Bradford City Football Club? Mr Kaufman asked.

Mr Kaufman said: "The Government response to this disaster, in setting up a joint inquiry, is insensitive and in the worst possible taste.

"It will be deeply offensive to the bereaved, to the surviving victims, and to the stricken cities."

'Related' issues

Mr Brittan replied that some of Mr Kaufman's remarks did not respond to the mood of the nation or the Commons.

His main complaint was that there should have been a single inquiry into the Bradford disaster. "The questions of safety and control are very much related and it would be wholly artificial to divorce the two," he added.

Mr Brittan said he would take note of the suggestion about a fund, and would consider it. Legal aid would be available to people "in the normal course of events" to those able to make out a case for it.

He added: "As far as insurance is concerned, I think there seems to be some uncertainty. That is being looked into."

Green Code

Mr Kaufman said there was general agreement that if perimeter fencing had been installed at Bradford, the death toll would have been much higher.

Mr Brittan rebutted the suggestion that perimeter fencing was inconsistent with safety. He said that anyone who looked at the Green Code would see that perimeter fencing which did not enable grounds and stands to be evacuated speedily would not be approved under the safety certificate.

Mr Brittan again referred to the Green Code when replying to Mr Donald Stewart (Scot. Nat., Western Isles).

Mr Stewart said legislation should be passed stipulating that, "whatever the difficulties," sports grounds should always be available for escape in the event of a disaster.

Mr Brittan replied that the Green Code already clearly stipulated that this should be so. "That is a condition which would normally be applied where there has been designation," he added.

Financial situation

Mr Alex Carlile (Lib, Montgomery) said the Government should provide the necessary funds to football clubs and sporting bodies which could not afford to bring their sporting facilities up to the required safety standard.

Mr Brittan replied that he would be having talks with Mr MacFarlane, the Minister of Sport, and football representatives to see what their financial situation was.

Mr Geoff Lawler (Lab, Bradford N) said the Government should make an urgent cash contribution to enable a new football stand to rise, like "a metal phoenix, out of the ashes of the old" at Bradford.

Mr Brittan replied that the Minister of Sport was on the Front Bench. He would have heard this "sincere and determined" expression of the desire of Bradford to revive football there after the disaster.

Mr Peter Snape (Lab., W Bromwich E) asked whether Mr Brittan was prepared to comment on reports in two national newspapers that a smoke bomb had been thrown on to the stand, just before the outbreak of the fire.

Mr Brittan said he was aware of the allegation about a smoke bomb. The local chief constable had just told him that he had not yet identified the cause of the fire, however.

£104,088 GOODS 'STOLEN FROM Mrs KHASHOGGI'

A chauffeur stole property worth £104,088 belonging to Mrs Soroya Khashoggi during his 12 months in her service, it was alleged at Basingstoke magistrates court yesterday. The goods included a 13,000 ermine trimmed mink coat, a Persian carpet worth £10,000, 37 chairs, 15 tables, six beds, a shower unit, and even a kitchen sink.

Anthony Howard, 39, of Craven Park Road, Harlesden, denied a total of 55 charges, 44 of them theft. The other 10 allege that he obtained, and attempted to obtain, money by deception.

The articles were alleged to have been stolen from Mrs Khashoggi's three homes, two in London and one at Headingley, near Newbury, Berks.

Ballot on rule change

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE miners began voting yesterday on national rule changes in the NUM which, some believe, will give total control of the union to Mr Arthur Scargill.

Mr Scargill, NUM president, is seeking a rule-change which removes his casting vote on the national executive and excludes any possibility that he may have to seek re-election under new trade union laws.

Leaders of the 28,500-strong Notts Area NUM, most of whose members worked during the year-long miners' strike, also believe that other rule changes will rob the coalfield unions of their autonomy from the national union.

In these circumstances, their members are being asked to vote "yes" or "no" on a question: "Do you support the Nottinghamshire Area executive committee opposing the new national rule changes, even if it means being expelled from the NUM or leaving the NUM?"

Results of the ballot will be known on Thursday.

Today, Mr Roy Lynk, acting general secretary of the Nottingham NUM, and Mr David Prendergast, benefits officer, will meet the full union national executive to hear the outcome of disciplinary charges against them.

Most of these relate to the replacement of Mr Henry Richardson, Left-wing area secretary, and a decision to boycott the national ballot on a 50p-a-week levy to support sacked miners and their families.

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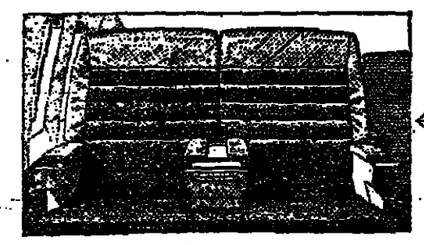

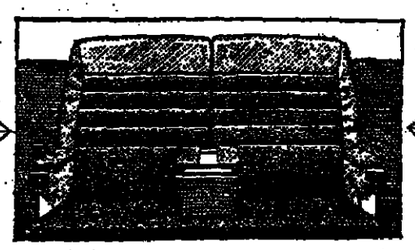

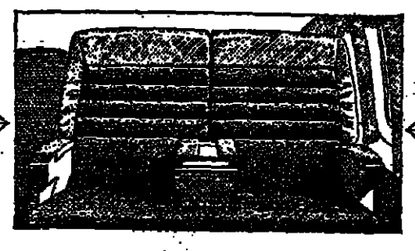

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Three victims found huddled together after Bradford tragedy

FATHER DIED TRYING TO SAVE SONS

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

MR PETER GREENWOOD, 48, a charity worker and teacher of deaf children, died in the Bradford City soccer fire trying in vain to save his two young sons, it was disclosed yesterday.

Unable to find an escape route from the fierce flames, the bodies of all three were found huddled together at the back of the ruined stand and were identified only from dental records, relatives have confirmed.

The boys, Felix, 13, and Rupert, 11, went to watch Bradford City whenever their father could take them and soccer was Felix's main hobby, said a family spokesman.

Their grieving mother Mrs Hazel Greenwood, 41, and her daughter Jessica, seven, were under sedation last night while relatives looked after their detached home in Foster Park Road, Denholme, Bradford.

Neighbour, Mr Colin Norden, an insurance adviser, said that the first sign that something was amiss was when he saw Jessica crying in the garden on Saturday afternoon.

"She said 'Daddy was at the match' and I tried to assure her by saying that so were thousands of other people," he said.

"That night he toured the local hospitals looking for them but found only their car parked near the ground. We left a message under the windscreen for them to contact home urgently."

Close-knit family

Mrs Greenwood was not aware that anyone had died in the fire until Sunday because she did not see Saturday's news bulletins. "They were a very close-knit family and this is a terrible tragedy," said Mr Norden.

Other victims of the disaster named yesterday included Mr Roy Mason, 75, of Aire View, Silsden, Keighley, a local newspaper reporter for 35 years. He died yesterday in Pinderfield Hospital, Wakefield, where he had been in a "critical" condition with 45 per cent. burns.

Mr Mason took a 13-mile bus ride to home matches at Bradford where he held a season ticket. On Sundays he would watch games featuring his local amateur side, Silsden, for whom he was a devoted worker, said Mr Robert Thomas, their chairman.

Mr Mason, who also enjoyed cricket and bowls, leaves a widow, Annie, two children and three grandchildren.

Presumed dead

The parents of two girls have been warned that their daughters, reported missing at the game, must be presumed to have died though neither has so far been positively identified.

Moira Hodgson, 16, of Oakenshaw, Bradford, was last seen serving tea at a kiosk at the back of the stand, a job she did regularly.

The other girl, Elizabeth Muhl, 21, of Middleton, Bradford was atending her first soccer match with tickets bought by a friend. Her mother Mrs Barbara Muhl said her daughter had previously attended rugby matches.

Another man presumed to have died was a Bradford City fanatic Mr Jack Ludlam, 55, of Daisy Hill Grove, Bradford, who returned home early from a holiday to see the final match of his team's triumphant season.

His son-in-law, Mr Alan Whitaker, 30, went to the game with him. He stood in a different part of the ground to gain a better view but ran on to the pitch to look for Mr Ludlam when the fire broke out.

A policeman shielding his face from the searing heat as he ran in front of the blazing stand at Bradford City's ground.

Official fear last July: Fire risk below seats

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE correspondence that Mr John Gunnell, leader of West Yorkshire county council, produced yesterday consisted of three letters from the council to Mr Terence Newman, secretary of Bradford City.

The first, dated July 11, 1984, headed: "Safety in Sports Grounds, Bradford City AFC, re-covering of West Grandstand" reads:

I refer to my engineer's visit to your ground, July 4 1984, and a copy of the inspection report, by TRADA, (Timber Research and Development Association) of the West grandstand roof covering, passed to him.

I wish to confirm the findings of that report, that the existing felt roof covering and the areas of decayed boarding resulting consequently, create an unacceptable crowd safety hazard, and should be rectified as soon as possible.

FRANK SIMS
Executive Director of Engineering

Mr John Gunnell in London yesterday.

Cigarette danger

The second letter is dated July 18 1984:

Further to my engineer's visit to your ground of July 4 1984, I am pleased to enclose a letter which may assit you in obtaining a grant from the sports ground trust, towards the cost of re-covering the main grandstand roof. Nothing in that letter should be construed as implied approval of the condition or structural adequacy of the stand.

As the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council is the licensing Authority under the Safety of Sports Ground Act, 1975, it may assist you to know what some of the council's other considerations would be should at some time in the future the provisions of the Act apply to Bradford City AFC ground.

These are:

1) Main grandstand: a) The unusual construction of this stand makes an appraisal of structural adequacy desirable. b) The timber construction is a fire hazard, and in particular there is a build-up of combustible materials in the voids beneath the seats. A carelessly discarded cigarette could give rise to a fire risk. c) Egress from the grandstand should be achievable in 2·5 minutes.

2) Other stands: a) Appraise for structural adequacy, and maintain to adequate corrosion protection standards. b) Repair defective roof sheeting.

3) Perimeter and Crowd Control Fences: a) Repair and strengthen to acceptable standard.

4) Crush barriers: a) Test, strengthen and repair to acceptable standard. b) Lack of barriers reduces the safe spectator density on terraces.

5 (a) Overhaul terracing to provide acceptable surfacing and slope. (b) Provide adequate exits from terracing.

These considerations are contained within the publication "Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds — Football" published by HMSO. In concluding, may I point out that the above considerations would form part of the statutory consultation process required under the provisions of the Act.

The County Council is obliged by law to have regard to other considerations, e.g.: Fire Safety/Precautions (Chief Fire Officer); Crowd control/supervision (Chief Constable); and local building control requirements (Bradford Metropolitan District Council).

Congratulations due

The third letter is dated April 30, 1985:

Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975

I am sure that the people of the County are pleased with your club's success in gaining promotion to the Second Division of the football league. Congratulations are due to all concerned on this achievement.

As you know, your ground will probably eventually require a General Safety Certificate, since it is normal practice for the Secretary of State to designate grounds within the Second Division as needing such a certificate under the terms of the above Act. This duty is the responsibility of this Authority.

There are several disciplines (police, fire service, structural engineering and building control) which are involved in such matters, and I think that an early meeting of these officers, together with club officials, would be useful so that a general discussion on procedure, requirements, etc. can take place.

Perhaps you might let me have a few dates on which this preliminary meeting might take place.

WILLIAM MILES
Chief Executive and Clerk, West Yorkshire County Council.

Flares first used by Euro hooligans

A smoke bomb of the type which can be bought over the counter.

By GRAHAM JONES

DISTRESS flares and smoke canisters first entered the soccer hulligan's armoury in the early 1970s when they were seen in Continental matches to be both spectacular and powerfully disruptive.

Their increased presence matched that of another item available from ships' chandlers and first witnessed at big European games the portable klaxon.

"Smoke bombs" available today range from simple garden smoke cones at 90p to top-of-the range distress rockets for yachtsmen and mountaineers at up to £16.

But they have one thing in common. They produce little or no flame, though sparks can be generated from the fuses and "touch paper" of the simpler designs.

The sum of £6·85 will buy a powerful orange distress flare producing a plume of smoke up to 100ft in length and capable of being seen three miles away.

Rigorous testing

This design, manufactured by Pains-Wessex, is approved by the Trade Department for maritime use, and, like commercial versions supplied by the company to the RNLI, the Coastguard and Trinity House, has undergone rigorous fire testing.

Pains-Wessex now supply half the world's shipping with distress equipment which is "guaranteed safe" not to ignite petrol or oil in an accident at sea.

It is the medium range of smoke canisters, produced for both yachting and building industry uses, which are thought to be more of a fire risk.

Among these are "smoke producers" for testing drains. Standard Fireworks of Huddersfield produce a range of these, at about £1 each to the trade, and a spokesman could not rule out that some could end up in the hands of soccer hooligans.

Acme, of Sandwich, Kent, produce smoke canisters for stage use. Mr John Gimbler, managing director, said: "It is not our policy to sell to the general public."

Mr Francis Taylor, financial director of Pains-Wessex, said he thought it would be very difficult to regulate the sale of what are primarily life-saving products.

He said the firm was "very proud" of it distress equipment, and revealed it had recently received a Gold Award from the Royal Society for the prevention of Accidents.

Safety cost could cripple clubs

By DAVID MILLWARD

THE Government's tough line on improved ground safety could threaten the existence of many small soccer clubs unless financial help is provided, the Football League said yesterday.

Third and Fourth division clubs will now have reached the stringent standards imposed under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 but previously applicable only to the First and Second divisions.

Mr Graham Kelly, the Football League secretary, said last night that the average cost of bringing clubs up to the designated standard was £600,000.

Even with a 75 per cent. subsidy from the Football Ground Improvement Trust, many clubs would be hard pressed to find the other £150,000.

Mr Kelly was disappointed at the absence of any commitment from the Government to financial help.

Mr Kelly's fears were echoed by several club administrators. Mr Don Rowing, secretary of Scunthorpe United, said: "I think there will be a number of clubs who will be in trouble.

"If the Government wants it all done by the start of next season, a number of clubs might not be able to start.

He called on the Government to refund part of the 15 per cent. VAT on ground admission, and some of the pools tax, for football to make grounds safer.

Mr Brian Tiler, managing director of Bournemouth, also predicted problems

At Darlington the board held a meeting to discuss the implications of the announcement, and other clubs began taking safety measures for their final home matches.

Reading announced yesterday that they would be lowering the wall in front of the main stand, and Aldershot will shut their 50-year-old wood and metal stand for Friday's match against Rochdale.

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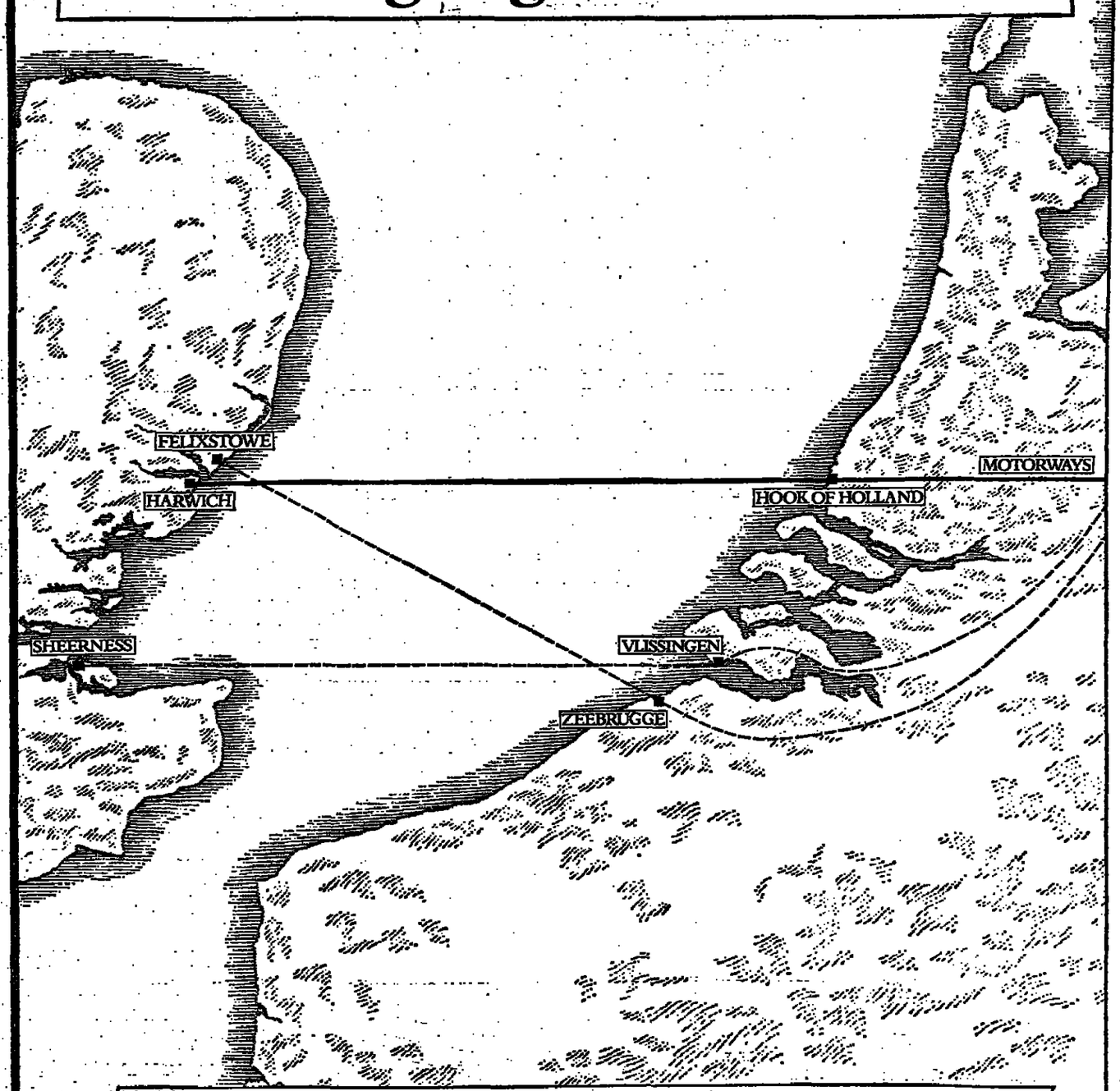

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U.S. REASSURES NATO ON ARMS BUDGET FREEZE

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

WHEN Mr Weinberger, the American Defence Secretary, meets his Nato colleagues in Brussels next week he will have to explain that the Congressional freeze in the Pentagon budget does not mean that America will fail to meet its military quota in the alliance.

On the face of it, the Senate decision to flout President Reagan's wishes and hold next year's United States defence budget increase to no more than the level of inflation looks like a betrayal of Nato.

One West European ambassador privately remarked that the proposed budget freeze would have "great political impact" abroad.

But a Pentagon spokesman disputed the suggestion that America would be shirking its duty to Nato.

"The agreement in the alliance was that each country would aim at a three per cent. increase in defence spending a year, after allowing for inflation," he said.

But he stressed the word "spending," and said that so much money had already been voted in previous years for the armed services that there was still plenty in the pipeline.

"Our actual outlays will continue to exceed the Nato spending goal."

Money unspent

Democratic members of the Senate budget committee estimate that since America has raised its military budget so sharply in recent years, it could maintain defence spending at its present rate until 1995.

This is because of the so-called "boh have" of money voted in earlier years and still unspent.

The United States navy, for instance, is said to have already salted away most of the money needed to attain its planned 640-ship fleet strength, but the funds will be spent over a period of years.

So when Mr Weinberger attends the defence planning committee of Nato on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, he will be able to say — according to the Senate budget committee — that America has $117 billion (about £96 bilion) more on defence than was due since Nato's three per cent. goal was set in 1978.

But this is not a line that Mr Weinberger has been using in pleading with Congress to resist defence cuts. Earlier this year he testified that the budget freeze the Senate has now imposed would slow down production of the supersonic B-1 bomber by up to four years and "mean a 38 per cent reduction of tactical aircraft and a 50 per cent. reduction in army and air force helicopters."

In an interview with the WASHINGTON TIMES, Mr Weinberger called the defence budget freeze "very good news for the new Soviet leadership, bad news for the United States." He called it "an open invitation to our opponents to try to work on that aspect of our public opinion that is hostile to defence."

In the present political climate, in which Congress is seeking ways of narrowing the budget deficit without cutting "sacred cow" welfare schemes, it seems certain that the House of Representatives with its Opposition Democratic majority will follow the Senate example. gressional cuts arfe the Strateing

Two prime targets of Congic Defence Initiative scheme for space defence and the much-debated MX strategic missile programme.

President Reagan returned from Europe with less than ringing endorsement of his so-called "Star Wars" SDI plan from allied leaders.

A NEW YORK TIMES survey, purportedly based on dozens of interviews with European military and civil leaders, concluded yesterday that there was "deep and widespred apprehension" towards the scheme as it related to Western Europe.

Soaring cost

The MX missile, whose future is already in jeopardy due to Congressional resistance, seems to be running into still more trouble.

DEFENCE WEEK, an authoritative magazine, reported yesterday that the Pentagon had advised Congress that the cost of each MX would rise this year from $79·3 million (£65 million) to $119 million (£97·5 million).

The reason for the escalating unit cost of the 10-warhead nuclear missile was that Congres had cut back the number of missiles to be procured this year from 40 to 21, the magazine quoted an Air Force spokesman as saying.

Vienna talks may lead to autumn Summit

By DAVID ADAMSON in Vienna

MR SHULTZ, the American Secretary of State, and his Soviet counterpart, Mr Gromyko, should know by the end of today whether there is enough comon ground to make a Reagan-Gorbachev summit in September a worthwhile exercise.

The sort of meeting envisaged at the moment is of the getting-to-know-you variety, but both sides agree that even that would require an assurance that matters of substance, particularly on arms control, could be usefully discussed.

The Americans have shown they mean business by bringing a strong team to Vienna. It includes Mr Paul Nitze, arms control adviser to President Reagan; Mr Robert McFarlane, the president's National Security Advisor; and Mr Arthur Hartman, American Ambassador in Moscow.

There has been no indication of whom Mr Gromyko is bringing with him today.

Deadlock at Geneva and Mr Gorbachev's VE Day description of America as "the forward edge of the war-menace to mankind" has not improved the prospects for progress.

Nevertheless, both Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachev will be in New York at the United Nations in the autumn and that produces both expectations and momentum.

Mr Shultz, who arrived in Vienna yesterday after a Middle East tour, and Mr Gromyko will be meeting today for the second time within six months. The first occasion was in Geneva in January when they set the date for the opening of the Geneva arms control negotiations.

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany (left) holding a meeting of his Christian Democrat party in Bonn yesterday after their crushing defeat in a State election.

$1m fine for missile fraud contractor

By IAN BALL in New York

GENERAL ELECTRIC which relies on Pentagon contracts for about a fifth of its total sales of $28 billion (£22 billion), pleaded guilty yesterday to defrauding the Government of $800,000 (£640,000) on a Minuteman missile contract.

Federal Judge Louis Bechtle fined the company the maximum of $1,040,000 (£837,000). He remarked that he was imposing the top penalty because the country was dependent on General Electric's defence know-how.

The company's guilty plea at Philadelphia came on what was to be the opening day of jury selection for trial on the criminal charges.

General Electric pleaded guilty to 108 counts of making false statements and presenting false claims for payment to the Air Force to recover cost overruns on a contract worth $47 million (£37·8 million) to refurbish the Minuteman Mk-12A intercontinental ballistic missile.

After the indictment had been issued, General Electric was suspended from bidding on any new defence contracts by Mr Verne Orr, Air Force Secretary. Later, however, he limited the suspension to the company's Re-entry Systems Division.

Change of heart

General Electric, the nation's fourth-largest defence contractor, is the biggest company to be punished for a criminal conspiracy to defraud the Pentagon.

Two executivesc, one of whom has since left the company, have also been charged. The company's Chief Engineer, Joseph Calabria, 50, and Roy Baessler, 40, former unit manager, are to be tried later.

Baessler recently admitted his guilt and agreed to testify for the government.

A General Electric lawyer, Mr Henry Ruth, said the company, which originally had pleaded not guilty, switched its position after Baessler's change of heart.

The lawyer told the court that the company "is criminally responsible for the acts of just a few of its 32,000 employees. We accept that responsibility."

In addition to the fine, the company will reimburse the Government $300,000 (£241,000) to cover the overcharges.

Kohl blames defeat on jobs failure

By OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT in Bonn

DR KOHL, West German Chancellor, acknowledged yesterday that his Christian Democrat party's performance in the North-Rhine Westphalia State election on Sunday was "without doubt a serious defeat."

The Christian Democrats recorded a 6·7 percentage point drop in their worst performance in the Social Democrat-ruled State.

Dr Kohl blamed the defeat on the Bonn government's inability to bring down unemployment; the need to bring State finances in order and the "many victims" this claimed; and the fact that the Bonn government was in mid-term.

The Social Democrats' triumph in improving their majority in the country's most populous State, has thrown forward a likely new national party leader, Herr Johannes Rau.

Herr Rau, 54, the son of a Protestant preacher and a popular State premier in North-Rhine Westphalia, has a strong chance of being adopted as the party's candidate for Chancellor in the 1987 general election.

'Cause to think'

A moderate, he is also a contender to succeed Herr Willy Brandt, 71, as party chairman.

Herr Rau attributed his success to the Bonn government's record on unemployment and its social welfare cutbacks. The result, he said, gave Dr Kohl cause "to think deeply."

Herr Brandt said the Social Democrats had shown themselves more convincing on unemployment, the environment and peace policy.

Their share of the vote in the industrial Ruhr was an impressive 63 per cent compared with only 28 per cent for the Christian Democrats.

Official results gave the Social Democrats 52·1 per cent of the vote, a 3·7 per cent gain on the 1980 State election, the Christian Democrats 36·5 per cent, a 6·7 per cent drop, the Free Democrats six per cent, a rise of 1·1 per cent, and the Greens 4·6 per cent, up 1·6 per cent.

The Social Democrats will have 125 seats in the regional parliament, the Christian Democrats 88 and the Free Democrats 14.

COMMUNIST SETBACK IN ITALY

By ALAN COPPS in Rome

ITALY'S Communist party, the largest in the West suffered a sharp blow to its high hopes of success as results poured in from regional and local elections last night.

Despite optimistic opinion polls and a campaign dominated by predictions that the Communists would overtake the Christian Democrats to win the largest share of the vote, the party was losing ground in most parts of the country.

Computer predictions were that the Communists would end up with five per cent. fewer votes than the Christian Democrats, a significant defeat in the fractured field of Italian politics.

'Check' to progress

The results were claimed as a vote of confidence for the five-party coalition government led by Signor Bettino Craxi, the Socialist Prime Minister. The government has already lasted for a surprising two years in a country where over the past 40 years the average term has been seven months.

The Communists admitted early in the counting that the results were a disappointment.

Signor Fabiomussi, a party spokesman, said: "It's not what we wanted or what we expected." But he refused to accept the term "defeat," describing the outcome as a check to the party's progress.

Part of the blame for the Communist defeat is likely to be placed upon the lack-lustre leadership of Signor Alessandro Natta, who took over last year after the death of the charismatic Signor Enrico Berlinguer.

GRENADE ATTACK ON MINISTER

The Ugandan Internal Affairs Minister, Mr John Luwulizа-Kirunda, escaped unhurt when two hand grenades were thrown at him by unidentified assailants as he left his office in Kampala yesterday.

Eight other people were seriously injured.—Reuter.

VOTE MAY END FARM DEADLOCK

By GODFREY BROWN
Agriculture Correspondent in Brussels

BRUSSELS gave a distinct hint last night that it was ready to have the 1985-86 farm price package voted through by a majority of Common Market agriculture ministers instead of employing the custom of unanimous agreement.

The hint, put forward by Mr Frans Andriessen, Commissione r for Agriculture, followed a statement in the sixth attempt this year by farm ministers to reach agreement.

Mr Andriessen presented the meeting of the 10 ministers with what th Commission had declared quite explicitly was the "final" compromise to resolve their differences.

These differences have centred on Herr Ignaz Kiechle, Bonn's agriculture minister, and his refusal to accept any price cut for cereals grown by West German farmers.

2 p.c. minimum

Brussels stipulated in the compromise that a two per cent. price cut was the minimum it would acept, as opposed to the desired 3·6 per cent. Herr Kiechle stood firm and said that if he were in the minority, he would not accept the farm ministers' vote.

Herr Kiechle was taking an even tougher stand yesterday because of the serious political set back suffered at the weekend by Chancellor Kohl in a key state election. He argued that the compromise was worse than that put forward in Luxemburg a week ago.

It was in May 1982 that Common Market farm ministers voted through the farm price package by a qualified majority, ignoring the British "veto" that Mr Peter Walker, then Agriculture minister, had sought to impose.

Mr Andriessen said the Com original farm price proposals "most reluctantly." While such a compromise might enable the present deadlock to be broken, it undermined the credibility of Community policies and made for more serious inconsistencies.

Mr Jopling, Agriculture Minister, thought the proposed two per cent. cereal price cut was inadequate. "With the surplus situation we have, we ought to be intent on giving a much firmer signal than that," he said.

The Commission compromise provides for the continuation until April 6 next year of Britain's unique beef subsidy system, part paid for by the EEC, which helps to put British beef in the shops rather than adding to the European beef mountain.

DRIVER'S SUICIDE

A driver of the TGV Paris-Lyon speed train committed suicide by jumping out of his moving cab into a tunnel wall on Saturday. The train carrying 450 passengers at 44 miles an hour was stopped by an automatic emergency brake, 54 seconds after Rene Savaits leap.—UPI.

Shultz talks with Hussein make little progress

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Aqaba, Jordan

MR SHULTZ, United States Secretary of State, ended his four-day Middle East tour yesterday without any sign of a major breakthrough towards peace talks between Israel and Jordan.

His talks with King Hussein achieved little progress in finding representative Palestinians acceptable to Israel to join Jordan in peace negotiations.

King Hussein will negotiate only with Palestinians approved by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Israel will not accept PLO members or associates.

"The problem of how to form delegations that would talk to each other is certainly one of the isues," Mr Shults told reporters after his talks with the King in the Jordanian Red Sea resort of Aqaba.

But Mr Shultz claimed "some headway" had been made towards resolving the problem. "There will be a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and it may be that different people wil be needed for different purposes," he said.

The Secretary of State said it was clear Palestinians must be included in direct negotiations between Israel and Jordon on the future of the West Bank and Gaza territories captured gy Israel in 1967 and their 1·5 million Palestinian Arab population.

Names not discussed

"Palestinians are the people who are very heavily involved and so they do need to be represented, so some way a solution to this problem has to be found," he said.

Mr Shultz said lists of names or individual names of Palestinians had not been discussed in the talks with King Hussein and he did not want to get involved in discussions on names.

Mr Zeid Rifai, Jordanian prime minister, described the discussions as "friendly, frank, useful and fruitful" and said: "We identified the problems and the areas of agreement and we hope to continue our consultations."

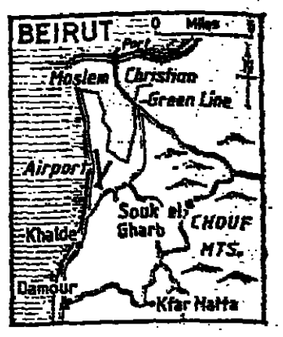
Mr Richard Murphy, United States Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East who accompanied Mr Schultz on his trip, flew from Agaba to Tel Aviv yesterday to report to Israeli leaders and was flying on to Cairo before returning to the United States.

'Narrow angle'

Mr Shultz's Middle East trip coincided with a visit to Peking by a joint Jordanian-PLO delegation led by Mr Yassar Arafat, PLO leader. It included Mr Abdul Wahan al-Majali, Jordan's Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Hazam Nussibeh, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs.

Jordan's State radio gave prominence yesterday to a long report of a Peking Press conference by Mr Arafat criticising Mr Shultz's visit and blaming the United States for looking at the Arab-Israeli peace problem from "a narrow Israeli angle."

The delegation has been seeking the support of Chinese leaders for an international peace conference under United Nations sponsorship with all five permanent members of the world body taking part.



SYRIA PLAN TO END WAR IN LEBANON

By CON COUGHLIN in Damascus

SYRIA is preparing an all-out effort to resolve the Lebanon conflict once the last remaining Israeli troops have withdrawn from the south, according to sources yesterday in Damascus.

President Assad of Syria, the most important figure in Lebanese politics for the past year, believes completion of the Israeli withdrawal will clear the way for rival Lebanese leaders to concentrate their minds on their own affairs.

Israel's military presence in Lebanon since the 1982 invasion has also been a divisive political force.

The Chouf war and the more recent fighting in southern Lebanon have resulted in significant territorial and political gains for the Druze militia of Mr Walid Jumblatt and the Shi'ite Moslem militia of Mr Nabih Berri.

Christians isolated

The Christian community, for so long the preserve of power, patronage and influence, now finds itself with its back to the wall, territorially surrounded and politically isolated.

These developments are in keeping the Syrian policy that Lebanon should become a fully integrated Arab nation as opposed to the Western outpost of the Middle East.

With Lebanon in complete political paralysis, Mr Assad is anxious for renewed efforts to get all sides round the negotiating table, possibly in Damascus, in the near future.

All the main Lebanese political leaders are more often than not to be found in Damascus than Beirut. Mr Berri and Mr Jumblat are constant visitors, while resident Gemayel is in regular telephone contact with Mr Assad.

The last remaining obstacle to Syria's "master plan" for Lebanon is the presence of Israeli troops in the south and Israel's insistence on creating a security zone along the border.

GUARD'S CAR BLOWN UP

By Our Madrid Correspondent

A civil guard was recovering in hospital after his booby-trapped car exploded near San Sebastian yesterday—only hours after a policeman was shot dead by ETA terrorists in the Basque resort.

Francisco Arias, 23, received serious arm and leg injuries. The policeman, Mariano Garcia, 29, was shot three times in the head.

TANKS IN DUELS

More than 90 die

OUR BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT reports: Three more people were killed yesterday and 17 injured as fighting between Christian and Moslem militias entered its third week. The Lebanon toll now stands at 90 dead and 470 hurt.

Military sources said several times agreements were reached between the rivals but none held longer than a few hours. The violence escalated in the afternoon to engulf not only Beirut's dividing "Green Line", but also the mountain garrison town of Sonk el Gharb.

In Beirut, the exchanges of automatic fire gave way to tanks and artillery guns

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GANDHI PLEDGE OF TOUGH LAW ON TERRORISM

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

MR GANDHI, India's Prime Minister, promised Parliament yesterday that he would introduce tough new laws to combat terrorism following the wave of bombings which have killed nearly 90 people since the weekend.

But he refused to submit to pressure from his own Congress party to give up the soft line on talks with leaders of the Akali Dal (Sikh party). "We should not react to extremism in the way they want us to react," he said.

"The government will to tough in fighting terrorism," he asserted, "but flexible in its approach to finding a political solution to the problems in the Punjab."

"Extremists want a backlash and the entire Sikh community to be alienated. That is what we should avoid," said Mr Gandhi.

He did not give details of the new law, but said the government would aim to make curbing terrorism, said Mr existing enactments stiffer.

If these were not enough in curbing terrorism, said Mr Gandhi, he would not hesitate to introduce a new anti-terrorist law as a separate; enactment.

'Scar on democracy'

"Killings leave a scar on democracy. We must put an end to it. Violence has no place in our society. The integrity of India is supreme," he said in slow, measured tones.

Mr Madhu Dandawate, an Opposition spokesman said the government had to distinguish between the "good Akalis and the bad terrorists." He read out letters received over the weekend from leaders of the Akali Dal condemning the booby-trap bombs and all acts of terrorism.

Mr Gandhi conceded that a section of the Akali Dal and many Sikh leaders had openly come out condemning such acts. "This is something positive," he said.

Meanwhile, the 36-hour lull in the bombings in northern India was broken by an incident in Ujjain, Uttar Pradesh, in which two people were killed.

Explosives in home

Another bomb resembling a camera was found in the splendid Gothic building which houses the Indian governments Secretariat.

A police crackdown on terrorist hideouts in northern India, including Delhi, led to the arrest of a leading advocate.

A large quantity of explosives was said to have been recovered from his home.

All markets in the old and new cities of Delhi were shut yesterday following a call for a protest strike against terrorism and the failure of the government to act on time.

Police had to fire to disperse mobs who tried to force buses off the road so that staff could join the strike.

Judge five hours late

The Indira Gandhi murder trial in New Delhi started five hours late yesterday when the judge did not reach the court on time in a bureaucratic bungle which led to an angry walkout by Defence lawyers.—Reuter.

Editorial Comment—P20

The Pope singing with a local choir after celebrating Eucharist for the sick and handicapped in The Hague yesterday. Demonstrations against his visit again continued.

Britain asked to take more refugees

BRITAIN was urged yesterday to give a lead in solving the problem of Vietnam refugees in Hongkong by accepting more for resettlement.

The plea came from Mr Poul Hartling, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, after he had visited one of the colony's "closed" refugee camps where almost 6,000 Vietnamese live as virtual prsoners.

Closed camps were set up in 1982 to deter would-be refugees from coming to Hongkong. Another 6,000 le in open camps where they are able to take outside jobs.

Since the Vietnam war ended in 1975 about 110,000 refugees have arrived in Hongkong. Britain has taken just over 12,000, the United States 60,000 and Canada jus tunder 17,000. So far this year Britain has accepted four refugees.

Three-day visit

"I hope the United Kingdom will take an initiative that will encourage other countries to take more," Mr Hartley said, adding that he would be discussing the problem with government officials during his three-daystay.

Mr Hartling's call follows a British Parliamentary report last month recommending Britain to take in more refugees. The report by an all-party group of parliamentarians condemned Honkong's closed camp policy, under which refugees were "treated in effect as prisoners with unlimited sentences."—Reuter.

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"HELP THEM GROW OLD WITH DIGNITY"

Sri Lanka mine blast wrecks tourist season

By VILMA WIMALADASA in Colombo

A LAND MINE set off by Tamil separatist terrorists close to holiday hotels in the seaside resort of Trincomalee—once a British naval base—has almost certainly put an end, at least temporarily, to tourism in the area.

According to unconfirmed reports at least two policemen died and some others were seriously injured as their jeep travelled along the Kuchavelli-Trincomalee road near the hotels.

Sources from the Nilaweli Beach hotel, one of the largest hotels, said that even now there are only about 100 tourists among all the hotels in the area.

They panicked at the new developments and most of them wanted to return to Colombo.

This is the east cost tourist season and until recently Trincomalee was one of the most popular beach resorts.

The Navy, Army and other security forces who moved into the areas following the incident, are directing operations from the hotels, according to the source.

This has added to the general panic among the guests.

Trincomalee which boasts a natural harbour, also has the recently-built Deutshwelle radio station, which cost several million Deutchesmarks, some miles along the road from where the mine went off.

SCHOOL HIT IN NOUMEA EXPLOSIONS

By MICHAEL FIELD

NEW CALEDONIA, France's troubled possession in the Pacific, was the scene of several unexplained explosions on Sunday and early yesterday.

Considerable damage was done. One bomb destroyed a yacht in the harbour at Noumea, the capital, and another described as "very big" exploded at the Law Courts.

In another blast, seven passers - by were slightly wounded as an explosion damaged the Okamo Lycee, an evangelical mission school attended by Melanesian children.

No casualties were reported among the children, who were at their desks, or the teachers. Nearly all the school's 150 pupils are Kanak natives of the French-ruled island.

Tension in New Caledonia rose last week when French and other residents opposed to independence plans for the territory attacked Kanak demonstrators. One Melanesian was killed by rifle fire, and more than 100 people, including a French gendarme, were seriously hurt in the clashes.

22 KILLED IN BUS CRASH

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Twenty-two people were burned to death and 48 injured in a crash between a tourist bus and a heavy truck at Amoy, southern China.

The semi-official China News Service said yesterday that the bus, carrying a touring group of teachers and students, overturned and its petrol tank exploded. Seventy-four people survived.

CHINESE WOMEN LOSE BOAT PLEA

Fourteen women from China who are married to Hongkong fishermen have been refused permission to leave their boats in the territory's typhoon shelters and settle on dry land.

The decision affects about 1,000 women married to local fishermen. They left China without exit papers after 1980 when Hongkong cracked down on illegal immigration. — Reuter.

22 SUSPECTS KILLED

Undercover Manila police squads ordered to shoot robbers on sight have killed 22 people suspected of staging holdups on public minibuses, a Philippine security official said yesterday. Two policemen were killed, two seriously injured, and 59 people arrested during the operation over the past two weeks.—Reuter.

TAX EVASION COSTS CHINA £1bn IN YEAR

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Income tax evasion is rampant in China, Chunking, Chiang Kai-shek's wartime capital, is said to be refusing to pay any State taxes on wage bonuses, while Hebei province evaded the equivalent of £53 million last year, half of it owed by State enterprises.

The General Taxation Bureau in Peking has stressed that the State depended on tax for a major part of its income. Evasion helped to produce "unhealthy tendencies" and harmed the "fundamental interests of the masses," an official said.

China is relying on tax revenues to pay for its current drastic reform of the wage and prices system. The newly-established National Audit Office reckons about £1 billion was owed by local authorities and enterprises last year.

GOLD PEN AWARD FOR PUBLISHER

Mr Joaquin Roces, the Philippines' publisher, received the Golden Pen of Freedom award yesterday from the International Federation of Newspaper Publishers in Manila for his services to his country's media. His newspaper, MANILA TIMES, was banned under martial law in 1972.

The 1983 murder of Mr Benigno Aquino, the Opposition leader, had aroused the conscience of the nation. Those fighting for Press freedom were now "exchanging candles for torches," said Mr Roces who was jailed and placed under house arrest in attempts to silence him.—Reuter.

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RUSSIANS BUILD UP TROOPS AS AFGHANS TAKE WAR INTO CITIES

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

AN intensification of the guerrilla war in Afghanistan since 1982 and large-scale infiltration of Mujahdeen into the major urban centres over the last six months has forced the Russians to resort to heavy augmentation of troop strengths and to overhaul their strategy in the Moslem republic.

An Indian political and diplomatic analyst recently allowed into Afghanistan after three years said the Kremlin had built up its forces to a level which, according to the best informed sources in Kabul, was now nearly three times the original 80,000 combatants who occupied the country in December 1979.

By these estimates, confirmed by South Asian diplomats who have missions in cities other than Kabul, there could be up to 250,000 Russian solders in Afghanistan at any given time.

The build-up has been particularly heavy over the last few weeks and it appears special contingents were flown in for a short period to cope with the possibility of major guerilla attacks on vital Russian installations and positions in the cities during the festivities connected with the Saur (April) revolution which brought the Communists to power on April 27, 1978.

Some reports said Kabul airport was declared closed for long periods on most days of March and April.

Military air activity, which normally means the landing and take-off of Russian military aircraft is now so heavy that on most days civilian flights have to circle for hours before being allowed to land.

Many civilian flights to Kabul have daily to be diverted to Kandahar because the capital's airport is shut to commercial flights for as long as four hours.

The heavy build-up this spring has been to counter a possible major thrust by Mujahideen in the countryside once the snow melts, making road communications easier.

The Soviet High Command's fear of concerted Mujahideen offensives and the need to pre-empt these with adequate forces appears to stem from the fact that in spite of the increase in troop strengths over the last two years the Russians are thin on the ground in the countryside.

Over the last 18 months the Russians stretched their troops out in the countryside in major thrusts. The Mujahideen taking advantage of the flight of the civilian population from the villages to the cities, infiltrated along with them into Kabul, Kandahar, Jalalabad and Herat.

Bitter battles

The Russians answered by reverting to their original tactical plans of buttressing their forces in the cities so that they could hold on to them.

The retirement of mobile Soviet units into the cities has given the Mujahideen almost complete control, once again, of the countryside.

With the heavy influx of Majahideen into the urban areas, bitter battles are now being fought near or around some of Afghanistan's biggest cities, and in some of them the Soviet (or President Babrak Karmal's) writ runs only in the city centre for most of the day.

Security in these areas now rests on Soviet continents and Afghan troops who are thin on the ground. Russian troops in armoured personnel carriers patrol the highways and tanks are stationed at almost every major intersection.

Helicopter gunships scour the skies over the cities round the clock dropping flares to direct the attention of ground patrols to trouble spots. In Kabul, searchlight beams from the hills criss-cross the city through the night.

Rocket bursts can now be heard in Kabul during the day as well as at night.

Muhammad Ali and his wife, Veronica, visiting the Great Wall of China, north of Peking. The former world heavyweight boxing champion, now 43, is on an 11-day visit to China, where he has been warmly welcomed as "an outstanding Black American."

Tread softly over S. African funeral walkout, firms told

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICAN industrialists yesterday asked employers and trade unions to treat "with maximum flexibility and sensitivity" the work stoppages called for today to coincide with the funeral of a black trade unionist who died shortly after being released from police custody.

The Federation of Trade Unions has urged all black workers in the Transvaal to stay at home for the day.

On other provinces two-hour stoppage has been called to coincide with the funeral of Mr Andries Raditsela, 29, in Tsakane township, near Brakpan, east of Johannesburg.

Mr Raditsela, a senior shop steward of the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union and Transvaal Vice-chairman of the Federation of Trade Unions died last week after being released from detention.

A post-mortem examination disclosed he had suffered brain damage.

Dr Johann Van Zyl, chief executive of the Federated Chamber of Industries, said the organisation acknowledged the depth of feeling among trade unions and their members over the circumstances surrounding Mr Raditsela's death and their desire to express this concern appropriately."

iolence warning

In what he called an effort to defuse a potentially explosive situation, Dr Van Zyl appealed to chamber members to make such expression possibleo but he said a full day's absence would not be regarded as "approprate".

The unions' federation yesterday appealed to the police and the army to keep away from the funeral because their presence "could precipitate confrontation and violence."

Riot police will maintain a heavy presence in the vicinity of the township as violence often follows funerals, but will not interfere in the funeral proceedings, which are expected to be attended by thousands of black trade unionists.

Meanwhile, the Black Sash, a civil rights organisation disclosed that another black youth, Bheki Vvulane, 18, died in hospital in Natalspruit in the Transvaal in February, after being transferred unconscious from Katlehong police station where he was being detained.

Senior police investigations are already being held into the deaths of three other blacks who died last week in, or shortly after, detention by police.

Apart from Mr Raditsela, Mr Sipho Mutsi, 20, a student organiser, was declared dead on arrival at a Bloemfontein hospital after being arrested on charges of public violence. Police said he had gone into convulsions while being questioned.

In Johannesburg, an investigation is being conducted into the fatal shooting in a police station of Mr Mohammed Razak. Police say Mr Razak, 28, shot himself after being arrested for impersonating and allegedly stealing £2,500.

Isolated incidents of unrest were reported in black urban areas yesterday. In Soweto, police used teargas and birdshot to disperse two mobs of black youths.

EEC youth team in African mission

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

FIFTY young people from EEC countries are to travel 15,000 miles through Africa to work on relief and other projects in the first European programme of adventure training.

The journey will take them overland across the Sahara and through Cameroon's equatorial forests on their way to destinations in Zaire, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Botswana.

The British-led Young Europe Africa Expedition is being organised as an EEC contribution to the United Nations International Youth Year.

The expedition is for men and women aged 19 to 25 from Britain, Belgium, Germany, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands and also from Switzerland, which is not in the EEC.

Famine relief

Members will spend six months in Africa in various activities, including famine relief, wildlife protection, irrigation and well-digging, health education and building shelters for the homeless.

The programme is being directed by Mr Peter Willey, a former master at Wellington, who has led expeditions of young people to the Middle East, Iran, Central Asia and India.

Mr Charles Mayhew, 24, a Lloyd's broker, is to lead the party.

British members include Miss Hazel Harley, 23, a student at the London Hospital for Tropical Diseases, and Mr Philip Pearce, 19, a painter and decorator from Wiltshire.

'Worthwhile plan'

The expedition has received support from the Prime Minister, who said in a letter to the organisers: "This sounds to be a thoroughly worthwhile plan."

British members of the party are to start their journey from London next month, picking up members from the Continent on their way across Europe in a convoy of six to eight trucks.

The party will sail from Marseilles to Algiers, where it will begin the Sahara crossing.

Funding is being provided by companies and organisations in Europe and Africa, but people chosen for the trip will be expected to pay part of the £3,500 needed for each member of the party.

Applications can still be made to Young Europe Africa, 27 Redcliffe Square, London, SW10 (Tel.: 01-370 2018). Expedition members are required to have a working knowledge of English and French.

50 CHILDREN ABDUCTED

Three guerrillas abducted 50 children at gunpoint from a school in northern South West Africa (Namibia) last week but a number of the children escaped from the group which was heading towards Angola, according to a Windhoek broadcast yesterday.

Pretoria has frequently accused the south West Africa People's Organisation of kidnapping children to train them as guerrillas.—Reuter.

EXODUS BY LORRY OUT OF NIGERIA

A CONVOY of lorries carrying thousands of illegal immigrants out of Nigeria left Lagos yesterday for the country's border with Benin after the aliens had refused to take passages on ships.

The exodus was ordered by Nigeria's 17-month-old military regime last month in the face of slumping economic fortunes and a worsening crime rate. The deadline for the immigrants to be out of the country expired on Friday.

Many of the immigrants said they had used all their money to buy fares on the convoy of lorries. They refused to travel by ship because they feared they might be landed in ports hundreds of miles from their homes.

Although they opted for the 100-mile journey west, they risked being stranded at the frontier. The borders were closed on Friday with the deadline on the illegal aliens.

Tear-gas at camp

Meanwhile police used teargas on Sunday and again early yesterday to prevent a breakout by the immigrants who had been ordered into a temporary camp near the international airport in Lagos for failing to leave Nigeria by the deadline.

The 25,000 people at the camp, many of them Ghanaians, were drenched overnight by a tropical thunderstorm that knocked down trees

"We don't want food," said one immigrant. "Teargas is our food. We want to go home in these lorries."

Nigeria's borders, closed for more than a year, were opened for eight days last week to allow for this exodus, but many of the 100,000 who left said they were delayed five days at frontier crossings and subjected to regorour searches.—A.P.

SIX KILLED IN VIOLENCE OVER KORAN WRIT

By Our Dacca Correspondent

Six people were killed and 18 injured at the weekend when police opened fire on an angry demonstration over a Calcutta High Court writ petition seeking confiscation of the Koran in the northern district of Chapai Nawabganj.

An official statement said police had to open fire when a section of unruly people tried to hold a public meeting contrary to martial law regulations.

Srinagar violence

Our Srinagar Correspondent reports: About 40 people including policemen were injured in violence in Srinagar yesterday as hundreds of angry Moslem youths staged protest marches against the Calcutta High Court writ.

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HOW NAVY'S POOL OF WARSHIPS HAS BEEN DWINDLING

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

TWENTY-EIGHT destroyers and frigates have been scrapped, sold to foreign navies or lost in action since May, 1979, while only nine have been ordered in the same period.

These figures were given by Mr John Lee, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Defence Procurement, in answer to questions from Mr Keith Speed, the former Navy Minister.

They show that, if the four frigates ordered to replace the destroyers Coventry and Sheffield and the frigates Antelope and Ardent lost in the Falklands are excluded, the average rate of ordering since 1979 has been under one a year.

The discrepancy between the number of ships deleted from the Navy's operational strength for whatever reason over the past six years makes the ordering of new Type 23 frigates at a rate of three a year imperative, if the average age of ships in the Fleet is not to become too high by the 1990s.

Frigates ordered since May 1979, are:

Brave	Type 22	(1981)
London	" "	(1982)
Sheffield	" "	"
Coventry	" "	"
Cornwall	" "	"
Cumberland	" "	"
Norfolk	Type 23	(1984)
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Ships scrapped, sold or sunk since May 1979, are:

1979: Destroyers Caprice and Matapan.

1980: Frigate Ulster.

1981: Destroyers Diamond, Hampshire. Frigates Chichester, Rapid.

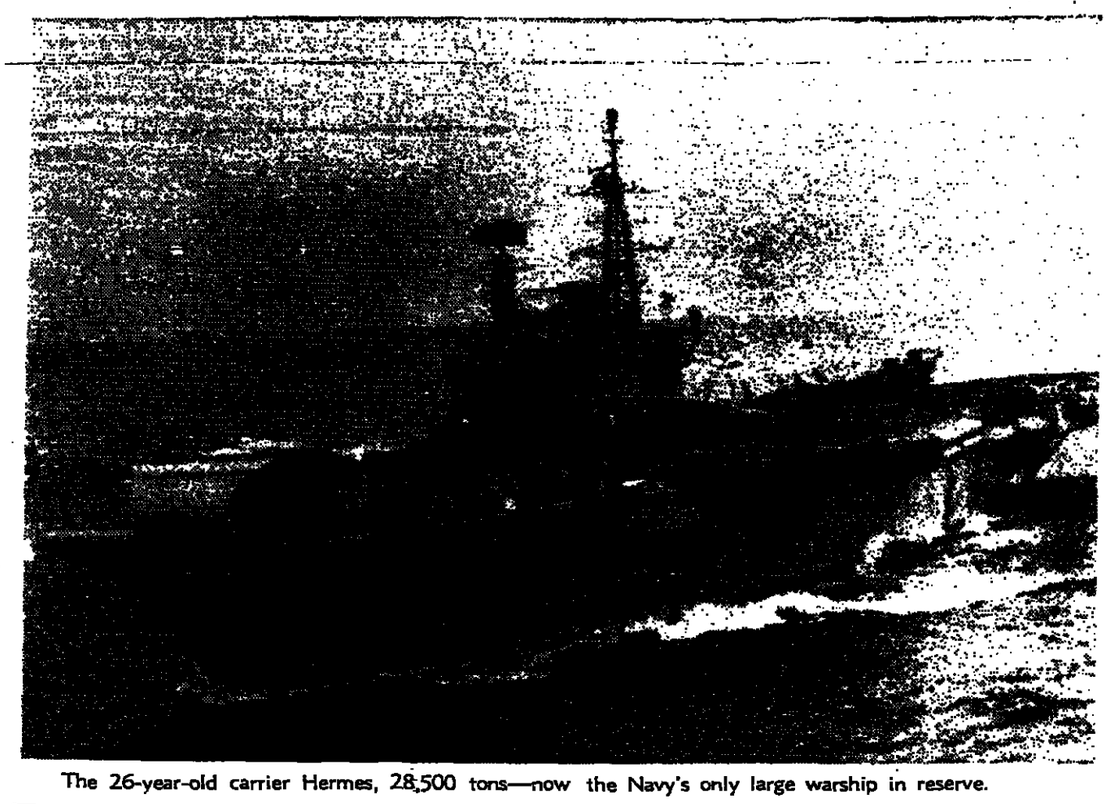
1982: Destroyers Norfolk (sold to Chile), London (sold to Pakistan), Sheffield, Coventry (both lost in Falklands). Frigates Antelope, Ardent (both lost in Falklands), Bacchante (sold to New Zealand), Dundas, Grenville, Lynx, Mohawk, Palliser.

1983: Frigates Dido (sold to New Zealand), Hardy, Lincoln.

1984: Destroyers Antrim (sold to Chile), Devonshire (sunk as target). Frigates Gurkha, Tartar, Zulu (all sold to Indonesia).

1985 (first three months): Frigate Dundas.

In addition, the frigates Ajax, Berwick and Lowestoft are due to pay off for scrap in 1985, and the Falmouth and Torquay have been relegated to static harbour training duties.



The 26-year-old carrier Hermes, 28,500 tons—now the Navy's only large warship in reserve.

Fewer foreign Servicemen train in Britain

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

THE number of foreign Servicemen sent to Britain for training has dropped by half in the past 10 years because of the high charges demanded of their governments by the Treasury.

Despite the importance attached to training overseas Servicemen by both the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence as a way of furthering Britain's influence, and fostering sales of defence equipment; many countries are being forced either to set up their own training facilities or to look for assistance from other nations.

Last year, according to the latest Defence White Paper, 3,700 military students from some 70 non-Nato countries were sent for training to British establishments. In 1975 the figure was 7,500.

School set up

Australia, as the most recent example, at the end of last year, ended 75 years of specialised training in Britain for seaman branch naval officers and has now set up its own school at Sydney.

Although the number of foreign military students in 1984 was up by 500 on the 1983 figure, this appears to have been due largely to the introduction of the Italian Oto Melara 76mm gun into the Royal Navy

The weapon is in use in 36 other navies and, with the recent installation of one at the Royal Navy's gunnery range near Plymouth, the number of courses for foreign officers and ratings has increased from four a year in the mid-1970s to 23 last year.

Falklands flagship awaits amphibious forces decision

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

A DECISION on the fate of the Navy's largest ship, the 28,500-ton carrier Hermes, is expected to await the outcome of Defence Ministry deliberations on the future of the Navy's amphibious forces.

The Falklands Task Force flagship had at one point in the South Atlantic more than 30 Sea Harrier fighters and helicopters embarked.

But its primary role is as an amphibious warfare ship.

She alone in the fleet today can carry an entire Royal Marines Commando of 750 men with all their vehicles and the 20 or so helicopters needed to put them ashore in inaccessible areas such as remote Norwegian fjords on Nato's northern flank.

The Hermes paid off a year ago when she arrived at Portsmouth after a dry-docking and repair of essential defects at Devonport.

She retains a crew of some 200 and her boilers are regularly lit and other machinery and her radars kept in a running state.

If her machinery and equipment were put in a proper state of preservation she could be retained in reasonable shape for at least another five years. This would release her maintenance crew, desperately needed elsewhere at a time when the Navy's manpower shortage is critical.

She is now the only large warship in reserve and the Navy has not forgotten one lesson from the Falklands War—the sale for scrap in early 1982 of the heavy repair ship Triumph, which would have been invaluable in the conflict.

Enormous cost

Although India was at one time interested in buying the Hermes, consideration is now being given to building a new carrier in India and in any case the 26-year-old Hermes is two years older than the Indian Navy's existing carrier Vikrant.

Another possible customer was Chile, which considered buying a carrier to keep up with Argentina and Brazil, both of which have old British-built carriers, but it is doubtful if the Chilean economy would now permit the enormous cost not only of buying the ship but also the aircraft for her.

If the Hermes is not sold it is likely she will be placed in low-degree reserve with most of her equipment removed to save the cost of putting it in a state of preservation.

She will then be left for a number of years at a buoy in the upper reaches of Portsmouth harbour until her condition deteriorates to a point beyond economic repair.

AMERICA'S CUP DOUBTS REMOVED

By TONY FAIRCHILD Yachting Correspondent

ALL doubts about the British challenge for the America's Cup in 1987 seemed to have been removed with the announcement of full backing for the project by the Royal Thames Yacht Club.

The challenge was entered last year by the Royal Thames on behalf of a group headed by Admiral Sir Ian Easton, former Commandant of the Defence College.

Now a group of members of the Royal Thames, which has Prince Philip as patron and the Prince of Wales as Commodore, has agreed jointly to underwrite the challenge with Mr Graham Walker, a Jersey-based businessman.

Mr Walker, a previous team captain of Britain's Admiral's Cup ocean-racing team, joined the project as president in January when it was announced the challenge would cost £5 million and would involve three new 12-metre yachts.

New guarantees

The new guarantees for the challenge were worked out at a meeting of flag officers of the Royal Thames and Mr Walker at the Knightsbridge headquarters of the club on Wednesday.

The Thames officers were told of the latest development of the challenge, which include the appointment as full-time director of Mr Nigel Hawkes, a publisher, and the opening of a British Admiral's Cup challenge office in Sackville Street, London.

Mr Hawkes said that support worth £800,000, including a £250,000 package with British Airways, had been agreed and further commercial support was being negotiated.

Admiral Easton commented that it was still hoped to raise the targeted £5 million, but that the challenge would proceed with the guaranteed backing now of £3·5 million.

It was hoped still to build two new yachts to race together next year off Freemantle, West Australia, where the first Australian defence of yachting's most famous prize will be staged in early 1987.

"It clearly would be an advantage to have two boats" commented the Admiral.

Boffins up a tree with the driverless car

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

AMERICAN scientists attempting to produce a car that drives by itself suffered an embarrassing setback when they took their latest prototype out for a test run.

The driverless six-wheeled vehicle, called the Terregator, uses computers and cameras to scan the path ahead and select the correct manoeuvres.

But when scientists from the Robotics Institute at Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, turned the car loose in a nearby park, it took an unexpected turn.

"We aimed it down a wooded path and it was going quite well until the bends became sharper," said Dr William Whittaker.

"Then it got into trouble, veering off the track, climbing a tree and clawing at the bark."

The trouble stemmed from the Terregator's combined use of stereo television to see where it was heading, acoustic soundings to gauge the nature of the terrain, and a computer memory bank storing images and instructions on how to respond to them.

Drawing board

According to Dr Whittaker, the Terragator decided that the correct way to proceed lay in climbing the tree. But six-wheeled vehicles turned out not to be ideal for clambering up branches, and it was back to the drawing board for the red-faced scientists.

But they were not too downhearted, because they firmly believe there is an outstanding future awaiting a successful pilotless vehicle.

"Why shouldn't we send machines rather than people into hazardous places such as radioactive factories?" Dr Whittaker wondered. "And why not have autonomous vehicles doing the mindless drudgery of planting and harvesting crops, and why not have the ore stripped from an open pit copper mine carried by a Terragator rather than a dump truck run by a totally unnecessary man?"

The United States Army is reportedly interested in what strategists have dubbed the "mother and ducklings scenario," in which a squadron of robot tanks would be led into battle by a single manned unit.

The robot tanks would effectively play "follow my leader" with the piloted parent,

LAWLESS PROTESTS BACKED

ACTS of lawlessness by anti-nuclear protesters are "quite appropriate" and inevitable if the Government continues to ignore growing opposition, Mr Paul Elkins of the Ecology party said yesterday.

"We do not have a Government which takes account of majority opinion," said Mr Ekins, co-chairman of the party's council, who was in London to launch its Nuclear Free UK campaign.

Greenham Common

"Acts of lawlessness are, unfortunately, the only way that a beleaguered people can protest. We are on a collision course."

He said that there would be increasing conflict, similar to scenes at Greenham Common, where "peace - loving non-violent citizens" clashed with authority.

The campaign team will spend the next 10 days travelling 2,000 miels to stage exhibitions and talks at Canterbury, Havering, East London, Dorchester, Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, Southport, Leeds, Chesterfield and Bedford.

CLERGYMEN FINED

'We'll go to jail'

Two clergymen who got into the American airbase at Alconbury, Cambrdigeshire, and painted "Love thine enemies, Easter '85" in giant letters on the runway, vowed yesterday to go to jail as a peace protest rather than pay fines imposed by Huntingdon magistrates.

The Rev. Michael Scott, 55, of Orton Malbourne, Peterborough, and the Rev Richard Levitt, 50, of Elmore Road, Sheffield, were each fined £50 and ordered to pay £10 compensation after admitting damaging the runway.

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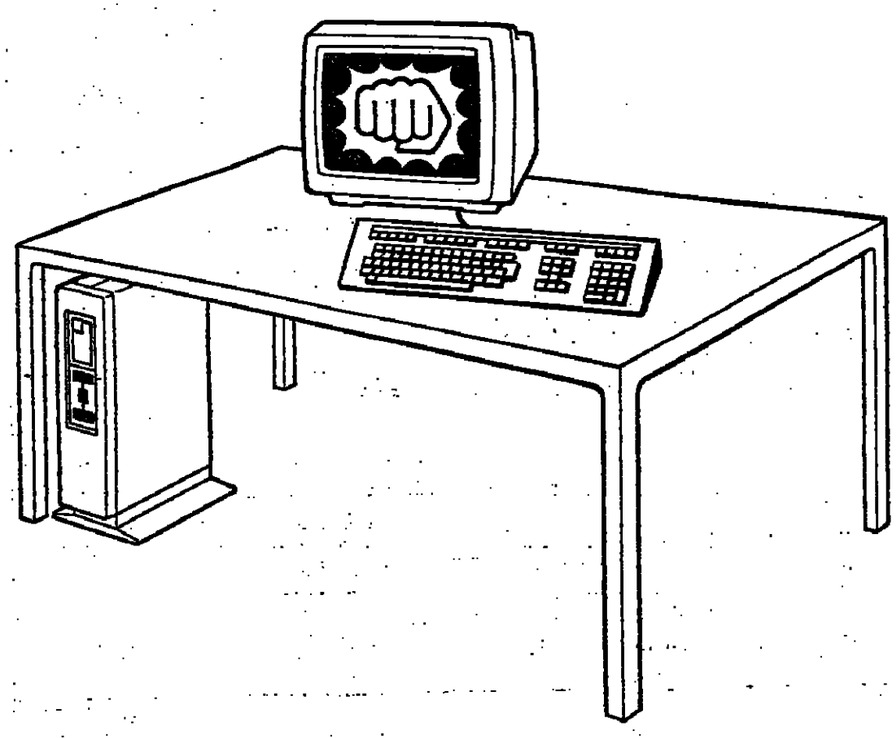


"RAPIST" FREED BY GOVERNOR'S GUT REACTION

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

GARY DOTSON, the convicted rapist, was let off a 25-year sentence yesterday and set free by Governor James Thompson of Illinois despite a tribunal's conclusion that he was guilty as charged.

"I have to decide this case as my gut tells me to decide it," said Mr Thompson after a special clemency hearing before the Illinois Prison Review Board.

The decision caused uproar among American feminists.

Dotson had already served six years of his 25-year sentence when Mrs Cathleen Webb, now 23, came forward earlier this year and declared that the alleged assault had never taken place.

Mrs Webb said she had lied about the 1977 rape because at the time she feared she was pregnant by a secret boyfriend, and was worried about her parents' reaction.

Testimony rejected

In 1981 she became a born-again Christian, and finally this year she said her conscience got the better of her, and she wanted Dotson freed. But the Chicago judge who heard the original case refused to believe Mrs Webb's recantation.

The clemency hearing last week followed an appeal by Dotson over the judge's order that he continue to serve his sentence.

After interviewing Dotson, Mrs Webb and other witnesses, the Governor also rejected Mrs Webb's new testimony, and concluded that Dotson had been "proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."

Mr Thompson said medical and other evidence led him to believe that "Cathleen Webb was raped. I do not beliee the recantation. If anything the evidence before me was stronger than at the trial."

But the Governor also decided that no useful purpose would be served by sending Dotson back to jail. He commted the sentence, but left the conviction intact.

A bitter pill

The case has proved a bitter pill for leading American feminists, who believe Mrs Webb's recantation will reinforce prejudice against the testimony of rape victims.

"She made a fool out of the law and a fool out of the women's movement," said Miss Susan Brownmiller, the authoress. "There's a fear that this case is the start of a revisionist view of rape; that once again the testimony of women in rape cases will be doubted routinely."

In similar vein, prof. Susan Estrich of the Harvard Law Faculty commented: "Now Webb will be used to lend credence to all the fundamentally sexist asumptions about women.

"To say the least, it's disconcerting."

El Toro left to watch and wonder

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

THE INTRUSION was a red rag to a bull fighter.

As Vicente Ruiz, El Soro, Spain's fastest rising bullfight star, showed off the whole range of hi sskills on Sunday in the ring at Valencia, his rival in the afternoon "mano a mano" (hand to hand) stepped in to make a spectacullar pass with his cape.

It was too much for El Soro, at 23 hailed by some as the new El Cordobes. He made an angry gesture, hurled insults and then punched established matador Jose Manzanares on the nose.

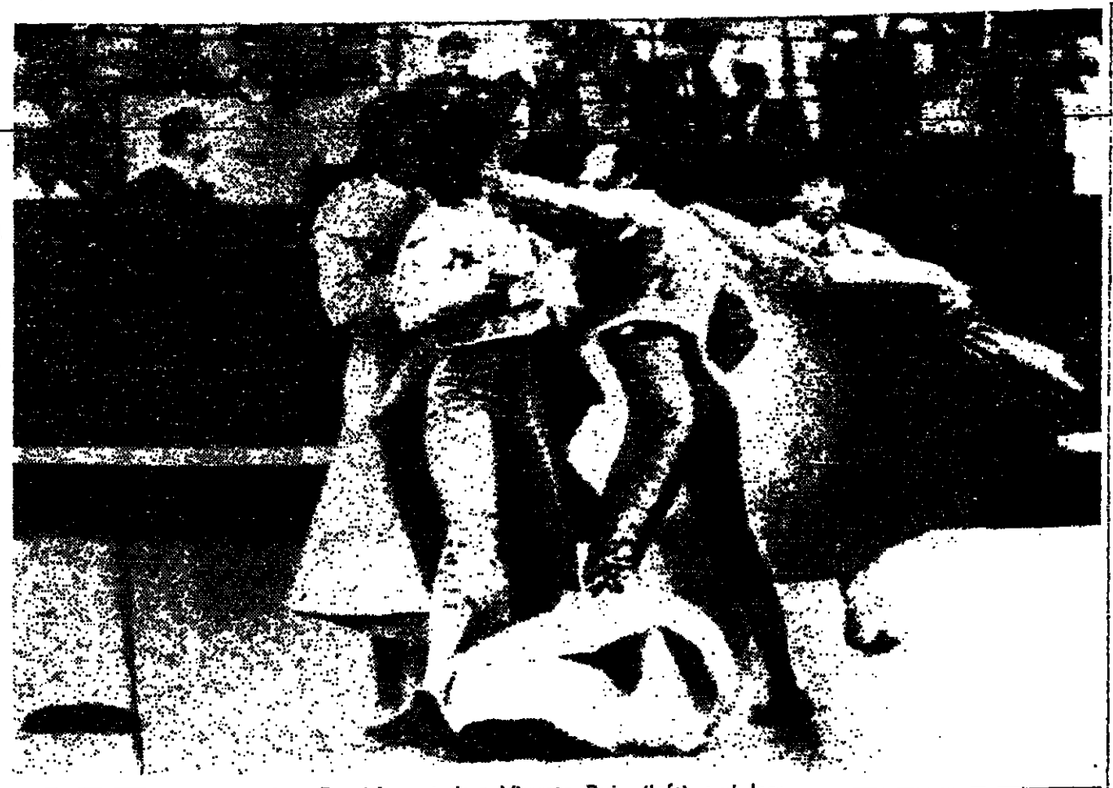
Hurled cushions

Then, to the amazement of the crowd, two of Spains top matadors proceeded to fight each other instead of the bull, which looked on from the edge of the ring.

After their assistants pulled them apart, El Soro went on to kill his bull, the last of the afternoon. But afterwards he refused to leave the ring as spectators hurled cushions and abuse.

Finally he was arrested and taken to a police station where he was held for questioning until early yesterday.

Now the hot-tempered young matador faces the price of his punch-up in the afternoon, a possible hefty fine for assault.



Spanish matadors Vicente Ruiz (left) and Jose Manzanares ignoring the bull and settling their differences with their fists in the ring at Valencia.

WIDOW'S £57,000 IN HERNIA CASE

Mrs Ann Frost whose company director husband David, 59, died following a hernia operation won £57,000 damages in the High Court yesterday.

West Suffolk Health Authority responsible for West Suffolk hospital which denied liability agreed to pay the damages in settlement of the claim to Mrs Frost, 53, of North Barn, Westley, Bury St. Edmunds.

'SPIKED DRINK' WOMAN ESCAPES DRIVING BAN

A woman escaped a driving ban yesterday after magistrates at Cullompton, Devon, told Alastair White, 21, a farmer who "spiked" her orange juice with a double vodka: "You acted incredibly stupidly."

"People who consider lacing drinks should perhaps visit hospitals and see the end result of their alleged fun."

The victim of Mr Whyte's prank, Miss Caroline Grant, 21, of Westfield House, Exeter Road, Honiton, East Devon, was fined £25. She admitted driving with excess alcohol, an offence which normally carries an automatic one-year ban.

Love break-up saves woman in B-test

A WOMAN driver's emotional distress at breaking up with her boyfriend was a reasonable excuse for not providing a breathalyser sample, the High Court decided yesterday.

Police found Mrs LAKHKAIRNA PAINE, 40, parked on double yellow lines with the car's hazard lights flashing, her head slumped over the steering wheel and a half bottle of whisky with some in on the seat beside her.

Asked if she had been drinking, she replied: "Yes. A lot. All I want to do is die." she claimed she had been drinking to work up courage to kill herself.

Yesterday two High Court judges upheld their view, disagainst her acquittal.

Mr Justice TUDOR EVANS agreed.

Saboteurs' plot to send Princess duke's head

MASKED raiders who attempted to dig up the 10th Duke of Beaufort's grave planned to send his head to Princess Anne, Mr IAN GLEN, prosecuting, claimed yesterday at committal proceedings at Avon North Court, at Yate, near Bristol.

The raiders, members of the Hunt Retribution Squad, also intended to scatter parts of the body at the Boxing Day gathering for the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt, said Mr Glen.

The attempt failed as a shovel broke when only 10in of soil remained above the coffin in a family burial ground at Badminton Parish Church, near Bristol. The church adjoins the late duke's home of Badminton House.

Before the court were TERRENCE HELSBY, 22, of White Hart Lane, Tottenham and JOHN CURTIN, 22, of Kingsland Avenue, Coventry.

The magistrates agreed on an application by both men to lift reporting restrictions.

The men faced two new charges yesterday. It was alleged that they conspired together with other unknown people to disinter the remains of the 10th duke without lawful authority. The conspiracy is said to have taken place between Feb 5 and Dec 26 last year.

They were also jointly charged with having caused £100 damage to a wooden cross.

Previously it was alleged they had stolen the £250 cross from the churchyard, damaged the church and boundary walls by spraying slogans, and attempted to dig open the grave to take and remove part of the body without lawful authority.

Highly organised

Mr Glen said Helsby and Curtin took part in a highly organised raid on the Badminton churchyard on Christmas night and the early hours of Boxing Day.

He then referred to a Press release handed in to the Press Association, the national news agency, on Boxing Day last year.

The document was headed: "Desecrate to liberate, Hunt Retribution Squad Press release, Operation Digging for Victory." It told how the squad attempted to steal and desecrate the duke's body, adding: "We also planned to remove his head and despatch it to Princess Anne."

A roll of film delivered to the Press Association at the same time showed three people in paramilitary uniforms posing with digging tools.

Mr Glen said the photographs were taken in Helsby's London flat. Although the men were hooded, he said, one of them had been identified as Curtin.

Mr John Mackenzie, defending said it would be "extremely dangerous" to draw a conclusion and make a positive identification from the photographs before the court that only showed an area around the eyes.

The hearing was adjourned until today when magistrates will consider legal argument.

Child flower sellers 'dicing with death'

YOUNGSTERS were dicing with death selling flowers by busy roadsides to earn pocket money, a court was told yesterday where two men were fined under the children and street trading laws.

Magistrates at Hatfield were told how in recent months a 14-year-old boy had been killed and a 12-year-old injured while selling flowers. The case was the first such prosecution by Herts County Council.

NEIL PERCIVAL, 21, of Lemonfield Drive, Garston, and EDDIE ELLIS, 20, of Cecil Street, Watford, who both admitted employing a child under 13 to sell flowers, two offences of employing youngsters in street trading and two offences of employing youngsters without notifying the county council, were both fined £155. They were ordered to pay £50 prosecution costs.

Mr CHRIS JACKSON, prosecuting for Hertfordshire County Council, said that on New Year's Day this year the men were employing a 12-year-old boy and his 15-year-old brother to sell flowers on the A1 Barnet by-pass.

Head injuries

The 12-year-old was struck by a car and received head injuries after crossing the road to speak to his brother. When seen by police, the boys said that to work from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. was usual.

Percival told the court: "I thought that with the consent of the parents, any boy could work." Ellis said that he was not aware of the laws and said it had not been part of the 12-year-old's duties to cross the road.

The court was told that recently a 14-year-old boy, not emplayed by the men, had been knocked down and killed while selling flowers in the county.

Minister assaulted me in pulpit, says girl

By JOHN SHAW

A GIRL of 11 said at Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday that a church minister indecently assaulted her in his pulpit while she was practising reading for a family Christmas service.

She said that the Rev. CLIVE THOMSON, 31, had been standing beside her in the pulpit of the United Reformed Church in Coggeshall, Essex.

"I kept on reading. It didn't hurt. I was afraid, but I didn't tell anybody."

She said there were other people in the church at the time. Some were listening to the reading. Others were rehearsing a Christmas play.

The girl said that Thomson had touched her in the vestry on six other occasions.

Passing the Bible

Mr PATRICK O'BRIEN, prosecuting, said the girl had complained that Thomson touched her "in rude places." It was the prosecution's case that there had been repeated incidents involving three girls

Thomson, a married man with an 18-month-old son, of Hawkes Road, Coggeshall, pleaded not guilty assaulting the 11-year-old girl and two other girls, aged 11 and 12.

Mr O'Brien said that as a result of talking to their children, the parents got together and notified the police. Thomson was interviewed, and maintained he had not done anything or idecently assaulted anybody intentionally.

Asked how he could indecently asault anybody unintentionaly Thomson said: "I may have touched their thighs while passing the Bible to them or taking it from them, or pointing out a passage, certainly it was no more than that."

The trial was adjourned until today.

SHOOTING BY 'UNMASKED RAIDER'

A SUPERMARKET assistant was shot dead after she pulled off a robber's mask and recognised him, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday.

The gunman later told detectives that the shooting of Miss BEEBEE BHUGALOO "didn't seem important at the time," said Mr ROBERT HARMAN, Q.C. prosecuting.

PAUL HANMORE, 26, unemployed, blasted her in the face from point-blank range with a sawn-off shotgun during a £59 robbery at her brother's premises, the Prestige Supermarket, in Hertford Road, Enfield, last June, it was alleged.

Hanmore, of Sark House, Eastfield, Enfield, who lived 200 yards from the shop and was a customer, denied charges of murder and having a firearm intending to endanger life.

He told detectives that he bought the shotgun for protection and was desperate for money to visit his girlfriend, a first cousin, whose father had disapproved of their relationship and had threatened him.

The trial was adjourned until today.

CANCELLED TRAINS

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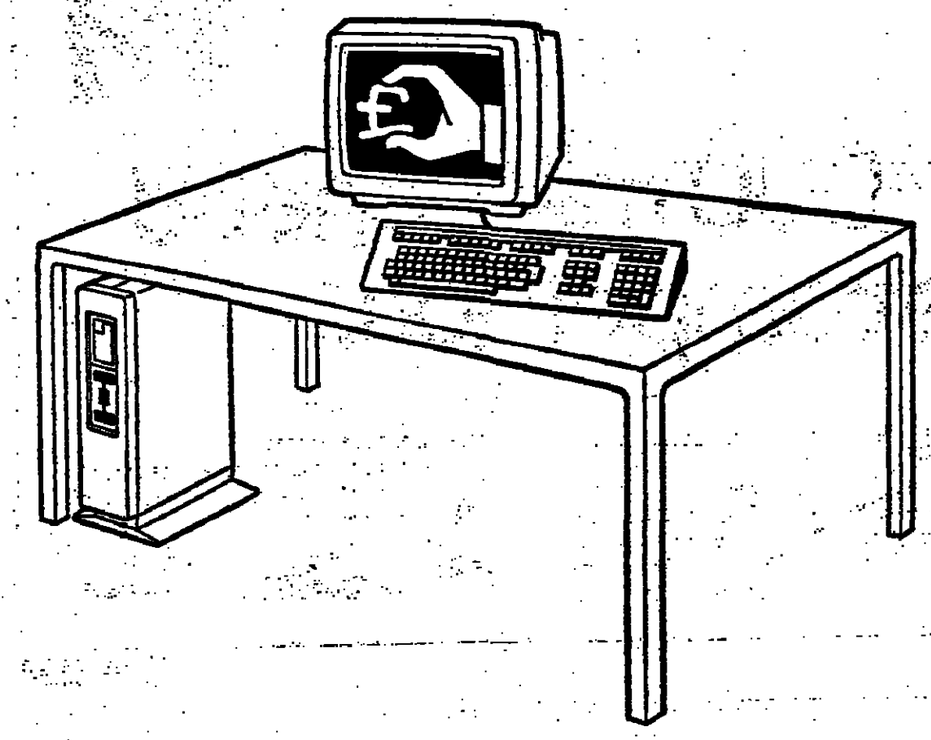

HEADS 'ARE LOSING PATIENCE WITH JOSEPH ON PAY'

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

HEAD teachers in many parts of the country are rapidly losing patience with the stance adopted by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, according to Mr David Hart, general secretary of their professional association.

He confirmed last night that dozens of letters from individual heads and branch secretaries had been received over the weekend accusing Sir Keith of being inconsiderate and ungrateful.

Since Mr Hart told THE DAILY TELEGRAPH last Friday that there was a danger of heads becoming militant unless the teachers' pay dispute was settled soon, members of the National Association of Head Teachers have given widespread support to that view.

Mr Hart said yesterday "Many members feel that Sir Keith has given very little if any comfort to the very people who are adopting a moderate line.

"What, they now ask, do we get for being moderate and for running our schools properly? There has been not a single word on this matter from Sir Keith."

Acute pressure

Mr Hart added that the association's members, who represent more than two out of every three schools in England and Wales, were under acute and ever-increasing pressure from staffs who are refusing to supervise pupils during the mid-day break or attend after-school meetings to plan timetables.

"Unless Wednesday's Burnham Committee meeting reaches a settlement and if there is still no real progress by the end of June, heads will not be prepared to continue putting maximum effort into running schools smoothly."

Separate claim

Sir Keith would have to take full responsibility for such a change from a moderate to a militant stance. Heads had been incensed since Sir Keith said in a BBC radio interview last month that teachers were "mad" not to discuss the four per cent. increase offered to them.

Mr Hart referred to his association's own separate claim *for an interim pay award that* would do no more than match the index of average earnings which is up by 7·5 p.c. plus a new salary structure for next year.

ORDER TO NURSERY ON LESBIANS

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

THE organisers of a private nursery for babies and toddlers are puzzling over an order from the G L C Women's Committee to report their progress in "raising awareness of heterosexism" in the nursery, and in getting lesbians involved in the running of it.

"When I saw this report rom the Women's Committee I bought, 'Oh, God, however are ve going to manage this?'," said Miss Tina Kirk, deputy leader of the Ackroyd's Under Fives centre in Lewisham, south London.

Miss Kirk is grateful for the committee's £45,401 grant because it has enabled her to set up a new unit to look after six babies in addition to the 21 toddlers in the main nursery.

But, after obeying the G L C's earlier instruction to start racism awareness courses for all staff and parents, she is perplexed by this latest set of conditions for the grant.

"I don't think we've got any lesbian staff or parents," she said. "At least, not that I know of. But we've got one on the management committee, and she's been there since the nursery started."

Miss Kirk reckons there is no problem with any sort of discrimination. But a G L C spokeswoman said yesterday that the women's committee likes to be quite sure.

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Subsidy cuts slash foreign student totals

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

OVERSEAS students, including those destined to hold powerful positions in their own countries, are rejecting British universities and polytechnics.

Instead they are being snapped up as long-term political and economic investments by the Soviet Union, America, and other countries.

Figures disclosed by the British Council show a 37 per cent. slump in the number of overseas students between 1979 and 1984.

In 1979 the Government decided to make most foreign students pay a full fee for degree and other courses, which had been subsidised by taxpayers to the tune of £100 million a year.

Today, 16,000 of the 55,608 overseas students in this country have their academic costs met from public funds—a total of £71 million which includes £46 million made available by the (Francis) "Pym Package" in 1982 for scholarships to bright students from Hongkong, Malaysia and Cyprus.

Blow to pride

Mr Derek Beard, assistant director-general of the British Council, said that the slump from 88,037 students in 1979-80 to 55,608 in 1983-84 was bad news for a country that prided itself on the international reputation of its higher education.

"Britain is losing out to our American, Japanese and French competitors," Mr Beard said. "As our competitive position worsens Britain is also in danger of losing its position as the world's market leader for schooling future Heads of State."

Seventy countries have Heads of State who received some of their education in countries other than their own. More than a third came to Britain, including the Sultan of Oman, the President of West Germany, the Prime Minister of India, and the King of Jordan.

Europeans exempt

Most foreign students have been made to pay their own way through college with tuition fees ranging from a minimum of £3,310 a year for an arts degree to £8,050 a year for clinical studies in medicine, dentistry or veterinary science.

Only European students have been exempt from the "full economic fee." They pay the same as British students whose fees are mostly paid by local authorities. This amounts to £1,652 a year for post-graduate tuition and £520 for undergraduates. Substantial maintenance costs come on top of fees.

By contrast West Germany, which must present huge language problems for foreign students, accepts 66,000 from overseas at a cost to the taxpayer of £400 million a year.

France takes 100,000 overseas students and lavishes scholarships on those from countries which are its best customers or which produce vital raw materials. Japan, with 10,000 overseas students at present, plans to expand to 100,000 by 1999.

Eastern bloc

America and the Soviet Union also fully recognise how important it is to nurture students from other lands.

The Russians increased their number from 50,000 in 1978 to 82,500 in 1985. Eastern bloc countries, with a total of more than 102,000, mostly from developing countries, spend an annual £1 billion on them.

The number of Chinese *students in America has shot up* by a third between 1982 and 1984 to a total of 15,000. Britain has only 600 students from China.

SWISS 'SWATCH' INVENTORS DIE

By Our Geneva Correspondent

The inventors of the Swiss "swatch," a high-quality, low-cost quartz watch credited with resuscitating the Swiss watch industry after a decline brought on by Far East competition, have been killed in a plane crash in West Germany.

Gottfried Kuchli, 59, and Stephane Mock, 24, who died in the crash of a private plane in Hohenstaufen, were credited with working out the technical details of the watch which became a world-wide success. Some of their products were scented with raspberry and banana flavourings.

PIPELINE CONTRACT

Saudi Arabia has awarded contracts to firms in West Germany and Greece to build a section of pipeline from its eastern oilfields across the desert to the Red Sea port of Yanbu. Saudi firms will build the rest of the line.—Reuter.

Miss Emma Nicholson, 43, outside Conservative party headquarters in London yesterday after telling of being persistently solicited for 20 "extremely uncomfortable" minutes by a kerb-crawler.

Tory woman angry at kerb-crawl filibuster

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

MISS EMMA NICHOLSON, women's vice-chairman of the Conservative party, spoke yesterday of the night she was persistently solicited for 20 "extremely uncomfortable" minutes in the heart of London by a middle-aged kerb crawler, before managing to escape his attention.

After a Press conference previewing next week's women's Conservative conference, in London, Miss Nicholson said: "It was a very nasty feeling."

She said she was "personally very sad indeed" that last week two Tory backbenchers talked out a Bill to outlaw kerb-crawling sponsored by Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake.

The MPs involved were Mr Tony Marlow (Northampton North) and Mr Matthew Parris (West Derbyshire).

Miss Nicholson, prospective candidate for Devon West and Torridge, said that the Bill had been "good and constructive," the proof being that Miss Fookes had received "postbags from ladies of the street telling her it would wreck their trade."

Maintaining that harrassment from kerb-crawlers was "extremely unpleasant for women," she went on to say: "It happened to me the other night in Central London.

"I got off a bus, walked down Sloane Street and a man in a black car followed me all the way: I had to go into a hotel in the end.

"This was in the middle of London in the early evening: It was a very nasty feeling."

Miss Nicholson said that she had been on her way home at about 8.30 p.m. when the "luxurious" car drew up

The driver, a middle-aged man, had followed her for 20 minutes the entire length of Sloane Street, near her home. He waited while she endeavoured to "lose" him by using the subway at Knightsbridge Underground station.

At one point he had asked: "Why don't you get in and come for a drink?

"In the end I went into the Carlton Towers Hotel, feeling extremely uncomfortable, ordered a cup of coffee and then came out and took a taxi home."

'Sensible' Bill

The incident, she said, had convinced her that Miss Fookes's Bill was sensible and necessary, and she was all the sadder that it had been blocked.

She and Mr John Selwyn Gummer, Conservative party chairman, insisted that there was no reason why the row over the failure of the measure to become law should reflect adversely on the party.

Mr Gummer, said that although the two principal opponents were both Conservatives, the majority of the Bill's supporters, not to mention its promoter, were also Tories.

Tory women anxious on election prospects

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

ANXIETY that Mrs Thatcher's Government could lose the next election unless it manages to improve its public image is reflected in motions submitted for the Conservative Women's conference in London next week.

Ministers are accused of having lost the common touch, of showing apparent insensitivity to public needs and of failing to explain why unpopular measures are being introduced.

Resolutions criticising the presentation of party policy are a regular feature of Conservative conferences, but some of those submitted for the Women's conference at the Barbican betray a new sharpness of wording.

Miss Emma Nicholson, women's vice-chairman of the party, said yesterday that constituency representatives would be "frank with their views" in a debate to be replied to by *Viscount Whitelaw, Minister* responsible for presentation.

Mr John Selwyn Gummer, party chairman, insisted that the criticism was directed firmly against the way the Government was handling the explanation of its policies, rather than at the policies themselves.

He said: "The resolutions mean that women over the country feel that the Government's policies are right, and if people don't accept that they are right they have not been presented as well as they ought to have been."

Resolutions on the agenda from Chester, Braintree and the New Forest all raise the possibility of defeat at the next election or of the party's campaign suffering "irreparable damage."

The Chester resolution is the one to be debated, but with the phrase "to ensure we do not lose the next election" replaced by "to ensure we win the next election."

The Prime Minister, as is customary, will be making a "keynote" speech

Civil and Public Services Association

LOW POINT IN FIGHT FOR PAY

THE Government is running into severe political difficulties over Civil Service pay, Mr Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association told his union's annual conference in Brighton yesterday.

"This year was the lowest point of our fortunes in the long struggle to achieve decent pay increases for civil servants," he said.

"We should not despair. The Government is running into severe political difficulties. By the time we reach the 1986 pay negotiations the next General Election will be in sight.

"In such a period the Government may be more concerned to redress the grievances of civil servants because they cannot afford to enter a General Election with such a large group of workers totally disenchanted with the Government."

He suggested they should encourage bodies like the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee to consider what an all-party approach to Civil Service staff issues might be. He said there was urgent need to find a common ground for the role and rewards of the Civil Service.

Alternative Government

"There are now signs that there is an anti-Thatcher majority who may be able to form an alternative Government after the next General Election," said Mr Graham. If there was a change of government, they could not expect a massive catching up exercise in the first year.

They needed to be prepared to talk to people like Mr Kinnock, Labour Party leader, and Mr Hattersley, deputy leader, and possibly leaders of the Alliance, about how a post-General Election pay policy could be developed which would allow civil servants to catch up on pay and get the going rate for each year as determined by an acceptable comparability pay system.

Mr Graham said they should not be frightened of an independent audit of efficiency so that taxpayers could see that the Civil Service was providing value for money. Such an independent audit could be an essential guarantee of the long-term protection of a new pay system.

"I believe it is by constructive proposals for the future *that we can wrongfoot this* Government and build up our own confidence and the support of the public, that urgent political steps are required to restore the standing and ability of the Civil Service to give the service the nation needs and deserves," Mr Graham said.

Militant failure

Militant Tendency supporters failed in an attempt to censure Mr Graham for his handling of the Civil Service pay campaign this year.

The emergency motion, which was rejected, blamed the collapse of the campaign on the "spinelessness" and "appalling leadership" of the union's general secretary and his Left-wing executive, in agreeing to comply with the Government's anti-trade union laws.

Banking, Insurance and Finance Union

DEAL SOUGHT ON SATURDAY OPENING

DELEGATES at a bank workers conference yesterday accepted that Saturday morning opening of many High Street banks is now inevitable.

But leaders of the 158,000-strong Banking, Insurance and Finance Union will try to negotiate a shorter working week, better pay and more jobs from any new arrangements.

A resolution opposing any extension of opening hours at the weekend was defeated and a motion endorsing the executive's policy of attempting to negotiate a formal agreement with banks that want Saturday opening was carried.

The feeling inside the union is that by the end of the year all the clearing banks will be giving a counter service on Saturday mornings in some branches, with volunteers working an additional shift.

The union recently reached a pact with the Trustee Savings Bank, which will shortly introduce Saturday opening in more than 200 branches, with a four-and-a-half day, 32-hour week for staff, 600 new jobs and a pay rise worth 8½ per cent.

National Federation of Sub-Postmasters

Longer sentences urged for post office raids

TOUGHER sentences for post office robberies and burglaries were urged yesterday by Mr John Dowdle, president of the 200,000-strong National Federation of Sub-Postmasters.

He told the annual conference in Scarborough that despite 200 convictions in six months, the offences continue.

Mr Dowdle, of Swansea, said: "Apprehension and eventual prosecution is not *followed by a sentence which* befits the crime.

"Our courts are far too lenient on these thugs who have no hesitation in violently assaulting our members."

Mr Dowdle said that the federation was especially angered by one offender being released after serving only three and a half years of an eight-year sentence and later being arrested for further crime at post offices.

Three murders

Three postmasters had been murdered in the past year. He *urged the Post Office to speed* up and improve its security.

He told the 350 delegates that post offices need capital investment in computers and high tech equipment. "The rapidly changing world of banking will pass us by if our methods are not brought into line with our competitors soon.

"Given the incentive, the investment and the training, the sub-postmaster can play an even greater role in providing faster and more effective services to the customer," he said.

Postmasters wanted to break into the world of the building *societies and were strategically* placed to capture this work.

Contact point

On post office closures he said: "Mere distance or profitability should not be the deciding factors in the siting, re-siting or closure of a post office."

The post office was a vital contact point in the social security system. The elderly, disabled, and young mothers faced travelling long disances to collect their benefits if more offices closed.

COURT TOLD OF 'BOAST BY KILLER'

A POSTMASTER was shot dead at point blank range by a raider who later boasted to detectives: "I blew his head off," Mr DANIEL HOLLIS, Q C, prosecuting, told Reading Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Puran Vig, 62, ignored a warning from the gunman, KEVIN HUSSEY and tried to snatch back a tray of cash, said Mr Hollis. He was shot in the face with a sawn-off shotgun.

His screaming wife, Gursharan, was clubbed around the head as the three-man gang fled from the sub-post office in Coppermill Road, Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire, with just £400.

Hussey, 33, of Summerwood Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, DAVID SHARP, 24, of Dunmow Close, Hanworth, Middlesex, and MARK ALDERSON, 21, of Peregrine Road, Sunbury on Thames have all denied murdering Mr Vig in September last year. Alderson also denies wounding Mrs Vig.

Alderson and Sharp, who Mr Hollis said was the gang's unarmed bagman," were arrested within two days and Hussey was picked up at a house in Nottingham a week *later after a 40-minute armed* seige.

He told the court that in an interview with detectives Hussey said that when he confronted Mr Vig he shouted: "Any alarm pressed and I'll blow your head off."

He said Hussey later told police that the postmaster deserved to die. "He ran at me. You never can tell what they're going to do, these Pakis. Anyway, I blew his head off."

The trial was adjourned until today.

Green Belt town plan stirs statistics row

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

A BUILDING consortium's plan to build a country town for 14,000 people in the Metropolitan Green Belt will provoke a public debate about Government methods of forecasting housing needs as well as the green belt's future.

A major public inquiry is regarded as inevitable.

Consortium Developments, a grouping of nine of Britain's bigest builders, proposals to create Tillington Hall on 760 acres of Essex green belt near West Horndon and between Basildon and Thurrock.

Figures published by the Environment Department in June said that it expected 720,000 new homes to be built in the South-East between 1981 and 1991.

Conran Roche, consultants for the developers, have concluded on the basis of this figure that 884,000 new homes would be required.

On top of the 720,000, a further 36,000 homes would be needed to allow for mobility, 68,000 to combat an overall housing shortage in Greater London and 60,000 to replace those in London which have reached the end of their useful life.

Minimum target

The housebuilders regard this as a minimum target. Mr Lee Shostak from Conran Roche told a conference organised by the Royal Town Planning Institute yesterday that the need for new homes made it necessary to build in the green belt.

But in December officials at the Department projected an increase of only 545,000 households in the South-East over the same period.

On these figures, Serplan, the standing conference of all local authorities in the South-east, said that supply and demand would be broadly in balance by 1991. The implication was that *no green belt land would need* to be released for housing.

Mr Robin Greve-White, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "On the basis of the second figure, Consortium Development are now claiming a major housing crisis in the South-East—a major shortfall betwen demand and supply—which would justify cracking open London's Green Belt. What on earth is going on?"

Mr Shostak argued the figures included the policy of the county councils for restraining demand in their areas and that the total demand was far greater. But several speakers were sceptical about the objections.

Mr Angus Macmillan from Serplan commented: "As to the numbers, don't believe on one of them."

The Department explained the discrepancy in the two sets of figures yesterday by saying that the first and lower set were produced without authorisation by an official to Serplan.

But before they went to ministers, the forecasts were increased to take account of a projected increase in the birth-rate.

Opposition politicians are expected to accuse the Government of "doctoring" the figures to make the case for increased house-building in the South East.

Extra green belt

The housebuilders argue that county councils have limited the amount of housing land available in their areas, partly by increasing the green belt in the county structure plans which set out planning strategy.

The Metropolitan Green Belt is now 1,200,000 acres and has increased by over 40 per cent. since the mid-1970s. The original concept before the 1939-45 War was a belt little more than a mile wide.

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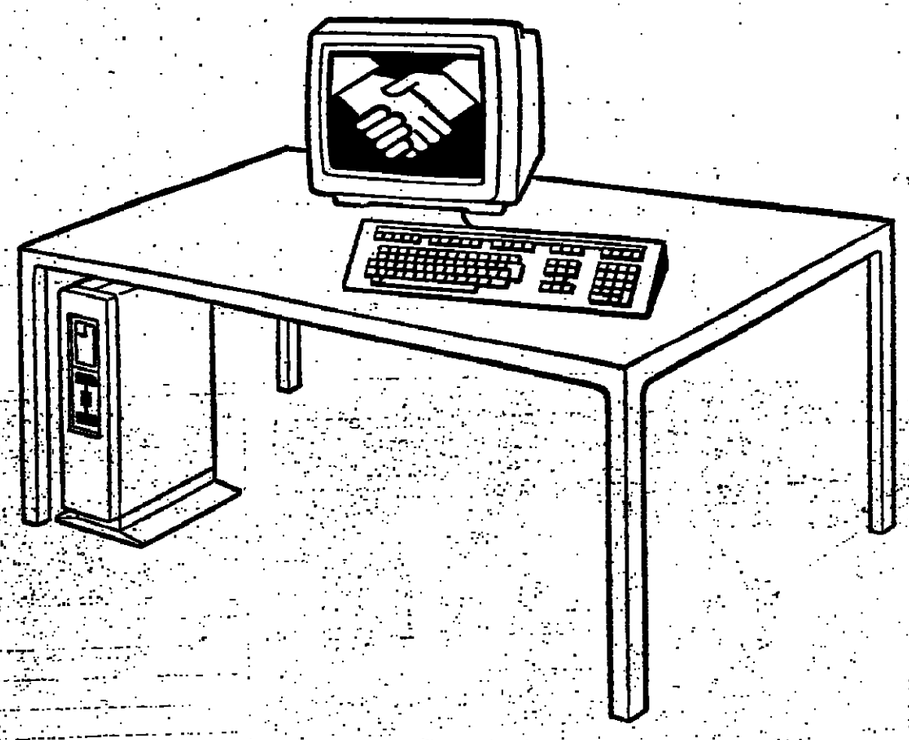

INQUIRY INTO 'TRANSPLANT KIDNEY SALE'

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

A REVIEW into the sale of human kidneys for transplant operations has been ordered by the Department of Health, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Patten, junior Health Minister, said the practice was "outrageous" and it raised serious ethical questions.

The Government's concern follows revelations that patients from India and Pakistan who agreed to sell one of their kidneys for up to £2,000 have had them removed in operations at the private Devonshire Hospital, London.

Two leading British kidney surgeons, Mr Michael Bewick, of Guy's Hospital, and Mr Maurice Slapak, of St Mary's, Portsmouth, have unwittingly carried out the operations in the belief that the patients were offering their kidneys freely to save the life of a relative.

Mr Slapak said it was comparatively common for close relatives to donate a kidney to a family member with kidney disease because it ensured a good match.

There was nothing unethical about family donations, but he was totally opposed to transplants where the donor had sold his kidney to a stranger solely to make money.

Duped twice

He said he would never knowingly operate in such cases, but feared he had been duped into doing so on two occasions despite having written assurances that the donor was a relative of the recipient and had freely donated his kidney.

Mr Slapak called for a new system of certification, attested by the authorities in the patient's country of origin, to ensure that kidney donors were giving one of their kidneys freely to a relative and were not involved in any commercial transaction.

Mr Bewick said he had heard rumours that kidneys were being sold for operations in other countries, but had not suspected it was happening here.

"When patients from abroad have come to me and said they were brother and sister and they were a reasonable match I have tended to take them at their word.

"In future I shall have to scrutinise them much more carefully and would like to see a formal arrangement set up whereby they are independently assessed before I see them."

Mr Bewick said he was "utterly opposed" to human organs being sold and he had been "conned" if money had changed hands for a kidney in a recent operation he had carried out on a Pakistani patient.

The British Medical Association is concerned that doctors may be misled by desperate patients who believe their only hope of life is to bribe someone into a donating a kidney and pretending he is a relative.

It is calling on the Government to draw up guidelines so that doctors have clear rules from which to work in this area.

A BMA spokesman said: "We are totally opposed to situations where people donate kidneys, or any other part of the body, for money.

"Patients in this situation are under commercial pressure to sell their body and that is ethically quite wrong.

"The situation is complicated because people can also come under pressure from their families, but we would not want to stop soemone donating a kidney to another member of his family where the transaction is for love, not money."

A spokesman for the Devonshire Hospital said no one was available for comment.

BITBURG VISIT CUTS TOURISM

Thousands of Americans had cancelled holidays in West Germany following President Reagan's controversial visit to Bitburg war cemetery on May 5, Herr Knut Blaettermann, of the German Tourist promotion centre in New York, said in Hamburg yesterday.

The cancellations, mainly by Jews and 1939-45 War veterans, resulted in hotels losing at least 200,000 overnight stays from Americans.—Reuter.

Foster parent rights to be strengthened

FOSTER PARENTS will be able to seek legal custody of children without the consent of parents or councils, under Government plans announced yesterday.

In a Commons written reply, Mr Patten, the junior Health Minister, said the Government would seek to have new rules in force in England and Wales from December 1 under the Children's Act.

"People who have been caring for children will be able to apply to the courts for legal custody," he went on.

"Custodians will have the parental rights and duties of a natural parent and will be able to make decisions about a child's day-to-day care and upbringing in the same way".

Custodianship orders could be sought by relatives, stepmothers or foster parents.

'Greater stability'

Mr Patten said: "Those who have cared for a child for three years will be able to apply for a custodianship order without the consent of parents or local authority. After the application is made the child cannot be taken away.

"These new measures will mean greater stability and security for children in the families in which they are being brought up.

"It will benefit children for whom adoption is not the answer, but who need settled homes because their parents cannot care for them.

"Unlike adoption, custodianship does not mean that a child's legal ties with his own family are completely broken," he said.

The Health and Social Services Department said yesterday that unlike ordinary foster parents, custodians would be able to make most of the important decisions about the child and would not share the care with the council unless the court rules otherwise.

Courts can, however, make an order for natural parents or grandparents to have access to the child.

PORTER ACCUSED OF STABBING Pc

A kitchen porter, accused of stabbing a policeman four times with a kitchen knife, was remanded in custody for a week at Marlborough Street yesterday.

Paul Leroy Watkis, 19, of Seafield Lodge, Shootup Hill, Kilburn, is charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Pc John Gowland with intent to resist arrest on Sunday.

A vandalised window at St Alban's Church, Teddington, which was declared redundant in 1977. The Church Commissioners have now issued a statutory notice of preparation of a scheme for the demolition of the church, which is based on the French Gothic of Clermont-Ferrand Cathedral.

New ticket system to cut fraud on Tube

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

SPENDING of £135 million by London Transport to reorganise ticket issuing on the Underground was authorised yesterday by Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary.

The system will be backed by "on the spot fines" for people caught travelling without a ticket.

Work will start this year and should be completed by 1989.

It means rebuilding ticket halls at all stations outside central London as well as many within the Circle Line. One aim is to curb fraud thought to be costing £12,500,000 a year. Another is to make staff safer from thugs and gangs of robbers.

Minimum £5 penalty

Ticket collectors will vanish from many stations, but trains will have roving teams of ticket-inspectors.

How much the penalty will be for anybody without a ticket has not been fixed, but it is likely to be a minimum of £5 or 10 times the normal fare, whichever is higher.

Taylor Woodrow gets the management contract for the project. "It will reduce queues by speeding-up the issue of tickets to passengers," said Dr Tony Ridley, chairman and managing director of the Underground. "It will reduce our costs and mean better security and modern accounting facilities for ticket staff."

Banks of ticket machines will be built into walls instead of standing like islands in booking halls. Cash will be emptied from the office behind the wall.

Two types of machine will be used, one issuing fixed-price tickets to the most popular stations. On the other, passengers will have to press buttons to indicate their destination and sort of ticket wanted.

Drink case train driver 'tried to throttle guard'

A BRITISH RAIL guard claimed yesterday that a train driver, who went through four stations without stopping, tried to throttle him when he complained about passengers wanting to get off.

Mr George Day, 65, the guard, told magistrates at Wallington, Surrey, that he retaliated by hitting the driver over the head with his rail lamp.

Stephen Rowlands, 26, denies being drunk while driving the train, missing stations and having a friend in the cab.

Mr Day said he was the guard on the 23·08 from London Bridge to Sutton on a Saturday night last September.

"It was all right until we got to Wimbledon. Then the train stopped a coach and a half in front of the platform."

Mr Day told the hearing that the train went on, but failed to stop at the next four stations: Wimbledon Chase, Merton Park, St Helier and Sutton Common.

He said he spoke to the driver on the internal phone about missing the stations and Rowlands told him to mind his own business.

Two stations further down the line he met Rowlands on the platform who grabbed his tie and began choking him.

Rowlands, of Station Approach, Coulsden, Surrey, was half an hour late to court because of industrial action by railmen.

The hearing was adjourned until to day.

COUNCILS LOSE RAIL CASE PLEA

FOUR London boroughs and the Greater London Council failed in a High Court plea yesterday for the right to cross-examine witnesses and make submissions through counsel at a forthcoming inquiry into British Rail's proposed closure of Marylebone and four other stations.

Mr Justice Kennedy held that a decision by the Whitehall-appointed London Regional Passenger Committee not to allow cross-examination or lawyers submissions was not unlawful or unfair.

The decision by the Committee, which is to report to the Transport Minister after hearing hardship cases arising from the closure plan, had been challenged by Brent, Ealing, Harrow and Hillingdon Councils and the GLC.

The judge said that the sole function of the committee was to listen to cases of hardship which could result from the proposed closures and report them to the Minister.

JOHNNIE WALKER FLOURISH

By JOHN PETTY Commercial Correspondent

AN 18 per cent. rise in exports is reported by Johnnie Walker, the whisky company whose world sales outpace all its rival in an industry which earned £931 million for Britain in foreign currency last year.

Mr John Connell, managing director, said the rise is in volume of spirit sold for delivery in the first five months of this year compared with the corresponding part of last year.

It is part of the Distillers Company group, and its success is giving a boost to the entire industry. Its main brands abroad are the popularly-priced Red Label and the more expensive Black Label.

But now it is putting £3 million behind another brand, Cardhu, to try to give Distillers a major presence for the first time in the growing market for single-malt whisky.

More profits

More whiskies are a blend of single malts from many distilleries. A single-malt is the product of a single distillery. Blends account for about 97 per cent. of all Scotch whisky sales, but single-malt is becoming steadily more popular and is also more profitable.

Johnnie Walker increased Cardhu sales by 74 per cent. last year as it began its push and is now going for full-scale marketing of the brand.

Internationally, the top-selling single-malt is Glenfiddich, made by William Grant, followed by Glen Grant from Seagram.

Others doing well include another Seagram brand, the Glenlivet, along with Glenmorangie (owned by Macdonald Martin) and the independent Macallan.

Bacardi Test

Another drinks company, Bacardi rum, is to spend £3 million in Britain in the next year to launch a new brand nation-wide. It has been test-marketing Bezique, a citrus-flavoured white rum, in Scotland and has done so well that it is to "go national" earlier than planned.

Bacardi is the world's biggest-selling brand of spirits and Britain has been selected as the first place to get Bezique.

U.N. AND UNESCO 'THREAT TO PRESS'

Mr Gordon Linacre, president of the International Federation of Newspaper Editors, told a federation meeting in Tokyo yesterday that such international organisations as the United Nations and Unesco were the biggest threat to journalism.

"If a newspaper does its job properly, it is unloved by politicians. Why? Because the Press is a counterweight to the establishment," said Mr Linacre, who is chief executive of United Newspapers and chairman of Yorkshire Post Newspapers.

DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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HAIRS.—On May 12, peacefully in Princess Hospital, Doreen Rose, aged 59 years, of Westonbirt School and formerly of Queen Margaret School, York, dearly loved sister of Joan, of Eastbourne. Funeral service will be held at Westonbirt Church, on Friday, May 17, at 10.30 a.m., followed by cremation at Cheltenham. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations in lieu may be sent to Gloucester Diocesan Association for the Deaf, 7, St Mary's Square, Gloucester.

HANKS. — On May 12, 1985, at Boscombe Hospital, George Hanks, aged 75 years, of Talbot Woods, Bournemouth, dear brother of Gertie and uncle of Margaret. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Monday, May 20, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations for the R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o Head & Wheble, 14, Oxford Road, Bournemouth, tel. 21190.

HARMAN.—On May 10, peacefully, Alicia Mary (née Norman), of Hayes, Bromley, Mayoress of Lewisham, 1952-53 and 1955-56, widow of George T. Harman, F.R.I.B.A., dear mother of George and Peter, much loved grandmother of Richard and Guy. Funeral service at Hither Green Crematorium, Monday, May 20, at 3 p.m.

HENRY. — On May 10, 1985, in Worthing Hospital, Dr Frederick Denis Cameron Henry, B.Sc.(Eng.), Ph.D., F.I.C.E., F.Am.Soc.C.E., F.I.Struct.E., F.I.Mun.E., F.G.S., of Sompting, Reader of Civil Engineering and Brighton Polytechnic and former Lecturer of Civil Engineering at Leeds University. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by his family. Funeral service at St Mary's, Sompting Parish Church, near Worthing, Sussex, on Tuesday, May 21, at 11.30 a.m. By request family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired to the British Heart Foundation, c/o H. D. Tribe Ltd., 130, Broadwater Road, Worthing 34516.

HERMON-WORSLEY.—On May 11, 1985, peacefully at home, Nora, aged 87 years, beloved wife of the late Harold Hermon-Worsley. Family funeral by request at Goring Heath, on Thursday, May 16, at 3 p.m.

HILL.—On May 13, 1985, at 25, Townhead, Dalmellington, Ayrshire, Scotland, Agnes Sharp Hill, in her 91st year, late Nurse Superintendent, Queen's Institute of District Nursing, England and Wales.

HODKINSON.—On May 12, peacefully in Farnham Hospital, Percy, aged 82.

HOENIG. — On May 12, Dr Nicholas, aged 88 years, beloved husband of Lena, father of Edwin (deceased) and of Janet, and grandfather of Gifford. Funeral Wednesday, May 15, at 1.30 p.m., Jewish Cemetery, Hoop Lane, Golders Green. No flowers.

HOMAN.—On Saturday, May 11, suddenly and peacefully at Kyrenia, Cyprus, Margorie (Jacko), much loved wife of David and mother of Henry.

HUNT.—On May 11, 1985, in hospital in Birmingham, William Fenton (Dick), dearly loved husband of Stella, loving father of Roger, Brenda and Tina, and loved grandfather. Cremation at Lodge Hill, Birmingham, on Friday, May 17, at 1.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Christian Aid, P.O. Box 1, London SW9 8BH.

ILES.—On May 10, 1985, peacefully after a long illness, Doris, aged 60 years, beloved wife of Len and much loved mother of Tricia. Funeral service on Thursday, May 16, at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, at 11.30 a.m. (East Chapel). Flowers and inquiries T. A. Ellement & Son Ltd., 21, Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex, tel. 01-866 0324.

JEFFERY.—On May 9, 1985, passed on peacefully in her sleep at home in Andover, Hants, Dorothy May, much loved mum to Peter, Roger, Robin, Margaret and Margaret, granny to Matthew, Daniel and Thomas.

JONES.—On May 6, Jean Elizabeth, of Primrose Cottage, Penllyn, Cowbridge, formerly of Sevenoaks, beloved wife of Glyn Jones, dear mother of Glenys and Martyn. Funeral took place on Monday, May 13. Donations if desired to South Wales Cancer Research Council, Velindre Hospital, Cardiff. Inquiries to Thomas Bros, Cowbridge 2715. (Amended notice.)

JONES.—On May 11, in hospital, Margaret Olwen, aged 85 years, widow of Rev. J. Gwilym Jones, of Ravenshead, Nottingham and formerly of Llanbedr-dyffryn-Clwyd, much loved mother of Kenneth, and Nan to Huw and Catrin. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Ravenshead, 2 p.m., May 15, followed by cremation at Mansfield. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, c/o A. W. Lam, The Old Farm, 2, Welbeck Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

JOYNES.—On May 12, passed away peacefully in a nursing home, Isabel, loved wife of George and mother of Malcolm and Carolyn. Service at Chichester Crematorium, Westhampnett Road, on Friday, May 17, at 2 p.m. Flowers to Ed. White & Sons, 5, South Pallant, Chichester.

JURGENS.—On May 9, peacefully in a nursing home, Winifred Jurgens, of Herstmonceux, Sussex, and formerly of Guildford, Surrey.

KELLET.—On May 11, John H. F., aged 82 years, of 45, Garlons Mead, Evercreech, Somerset, formerly of Westcombe. Service and cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Thursday, May 16, at 12.20 p.m.

KIDD.—On May 13, Grace Kidd, daughter of the late C. E. and Grace E. Kidd, of Oldham and Lytham. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to St Ann's Hospice or The British Red Cross Society. Funeral service at St Thomas's Church, Werneth, Oldham, on Thursday, May 16, at 3.15 p.m., prior to committal at Oldham Crematorium at 4 p.m. Inquiries to G. Barlow & Son, tel. 061-624 4301.

KING.—On May 9, at Poole Hospital, Amelia Doris, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of Edward and dear mother of Richard and Clive. Funeral 2 p.m., Friday, May 17, at The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Windlesham.

KING.—On May 9, 1985, peacefully at Twyford Abbey Nursing Home, Margaret Valentine, aged 81 years, late of 19, Earls Court Gardens, S.W.5. Funeral service Friday, May 17, Mortlake Cemetery, 11.30 a.m. Flowers to P. W. Ballard & Sons, 306-308, Old Brompton Road, S.W.5, tel. 370 6271.

KREITMAIR.—On May 9, 1985, peacefully after a short illness at Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor, Ruth Annie, aged 96 years, of The High Pastures Nursing Home, Deganwy, formerly of Criccieth. Funeral service takes place on Thursday, May 16, at Caerhun Church, near Tal-y-Cafn, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Ervhun Cemetery. Family flowers only. Further inquiries to Messrs Tom Owen & Son, funeral directors, Llandudno. Tel. 0492 76875.

LACHLAN.—On May 10, 1985, peacefully at home, Douglas Gordon, aged 84, dearly beloved husband of Pam, father of Angus, grandfather of Sammy and Leonie and brother of Derrick, of Vancouver. Cremation service at Beckenham Crematorium on May 16 at 11 a.m. Family flowers only.

LANGTRY WHITE.—On May 10, 1985, at home, Michael William, aged 10 weeks, beloved son of Selina (née Bureau) and Pym and dear little brother of Rupert, tel. Harley 71314.

LECOMBER.—On Monday, May 6, at Whipps Cross Hospital, North London, Elizabeth, beloved wife of John and devoted mother of John and Elizabeth. Private cremation took place on Friday, May 10.

LONG.—On May 11, 1985, suddenly, Leland F. F. Long, of Aberdovey, loved dearly. Biddy. Funeral service May 16, at 2.30 p.m., at Aberdovey.

McGREGOR.—On May 11, 1985, Kathleen Amy, aged 81 years, of Sea Haven Cottage, Brendon, late of Blue Haze, Trington(?), Minehead. Funeral service to be held on Friday, May 17, at Selworthy Church at 11 a.m., followed by interment. No flowers by request, please. Sadly missed by all her family.

McLELLAN-SIM. — On May 11, at The Mount Edgcombe Hospice, St Austell, Cornwall, Robert Lewis, aged 77, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Peace after much suffering. Funeral private.

MARKWICK.—On May 10, at Pembury Hospital, Grace, dearly loved wife of Mac and devoted mother of Alan, Sheila, Peter and John and much loved nan. No flowers by request, however, donations to Cancer Research. All inquiries to Paul Beynath(?), funeral directors, tel. Crowborough 5000.

MILLS.—On May 12, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, courageously borne, Agnes (Taggie), of Springfield, Merlewood(?) Road, Grange-over-Sands, dearly loved wife of Harold, mother of Rita, Kathleen and John Derek and grandma of Louise, Christopher, Timothy, Kate and Emma. Service on Thursday, May 16, at 10.15 a.m. at St Paul's Church, Grange, followed by interment at Grange Cemetery. Flowers to T. Knipe Ltd, Allithwaite, tel. (044484) 2404.

MONTGOMERY.—On May 12, at home at 342, Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon, in her 85th year, Marjorie (Nearl), late of Balham. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to Chelsea School of Chiropody, NW8.

MORLEY.—On May 13, in hospital peacefully after a short illness, Herbert Edward, of Watford, Herts, much loved husband of Elsa, father to George and Diane. Service at West Herts Crematorium, Thursday, May 16, 10 a.m. Family flowers.

MORTON.—On May 9, 1985, at Eastbourne Hospital, Phyllis Laura (née Baker). Donations to charity if desired. Funeral 2.30 p.m., Friday, May 17, at Alfriston.

NEVILL.—On May 12, 1985, peacefully at Oxsteck(?) Hospital, Elsie Louise, widow of Henry, beloved mother of … and dearest granny of Susie, Caroline and Jonathan. Funeral service at Lambsh… Church on Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m., followed by cremation at Sadsbury. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu to friends of Oxsteck Hospital may be sent to G. W. Burden, funeral director, Church Street, Amesbury, Wilts.

NICHOLSON.—On May 11, 1985, Frederic William, aged 74, dearly loved husband of Marjorie, beloved father of Audrey and Roger, much loved and sadly missed by all his family. Cremation at Hendon Crematorium, at 2.50 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 6, Woodhouse Road, N12, tel. 01-445 1651.

O'NEILL.—On May 12, in hospital, The Very Rev. Mgr. Brendan Kevin O'Neill, aged 69 years, Parish priest of St Joseph's, Preston, 1965 till 1985. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church. R.I.P. Reception St Joseph's, Skeffington Road, Preston, on Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m. Concelebrated Requiem Mass Friday, at 11.30 a.m. Interment Preston Cemetery. Inquiries to McKenna Funerals, Preston, tel. (0772) 51694.

PACK. — On May 13, in Southend General Hospital, Herbert, aged 65, dearly loved husband of Ivy and loving father of Corinne and son-in-law Tony and adored grandfather of Andrew, Helen and Peter. Cremation will take place at Sutton Road Crematorium, Southend, Monday, May 20, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Fair Haven Hospice, …, Chalkwell Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. All inquiries to J. W. Tate & Son (0702) 343064.

PARNELL.—On May 9, 1985, after an illness stoically borne, Cyril Henry, … father-in-law of Wendy; fond grandpa of Thomas and Lucy. Family flowers only, but donations welcomed to the Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

PECKITT.—On May 10, 1985, peacefully, Christine Mabel, of Danny, Hurstpierpoint, W. Sussex, and late of Chailey Moat, dearly loved wife of the late Major Cyril R. Peckitt, Royal Sussex Regiment and dearly beloved by her family, her godchildren and her many friends. Funeral at St Peter's, Chailey Green, on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 16, at 3.30 p.m. Family and garden flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Friends of Chichester Cathedral.

PHILLIPS.—On May 10, 1985, peacefully at Cheam, Margaret Phillips, O.B.E., aged 93 years, formerly Principal of the Borthwick Training College, South London. Funeral at St Leonard's Church, Beddington, on Friday, May 17 at 2 p.m. Flowers may be sent to W. A. Truelove & Son Ltd, 31, High Street, Cheam.

PICK.—On May 10, at Newcastle Freeman Hospital, Frank Pick, aged 65. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Cancer Research. Sadly missed by the Pick and Wertheim families.

QUICK.—On May 11, peacefully after much pain at Farnleigh Nursing Home, Leicester, Kathleen Mary, in her 84th year, much loved mother of Denis and Molly, mother-in-law of Ann and grandma of Heather and Jackie. Funeral service at Gilroes Crematorium, Leicester, on Friday, May 17, at 2.15 p.m. Flowers and inquiries please to A. J. Adkinson & Son, 18, London Road, Oadby, Leicester, tel. 712340.

RATCLIFFE.—On Sunday, May 12, after a short illness, Edna Dorothy, aged 87, much loved mother of Enid, and grandmother of Maura and Michael (Jeffery), Valerie and Russell. Funeral service Southend Crematorium, Thursday, May 16, at 3.45 p.m.

RAYSON.—On May 11, peacefully in Bexhill, Winifred Mary (née Jones), late of Staplecross. Funeral service at Sedlescombe Parish Church on May 20, at 1.45 p.m., followed by cremation at Hastings. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Help the Aged, c/o K. B. Silk, funeral director, Cranbrook, Kent.

READER.—On May 11, peacefully at her home, Eileen Rose (Girlie), aged 77 years, of Cliff Farm Cottage, London Road, Kessingland, beloved wife of Leonard, mother of Bernard and M…, dear grandma and sister of Doris. Funeral service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Gordon Road, Lowestoft, on Friday, May 17, at 12 …, followed by … at Gorleston Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu for the British Red Cross Society, c/o … Ltd, 15, Carlton Road, Lowestoft.

RICHARDS.—On May …, peacefully at home in Edinburgh, William John Richards, dearly loved husband of the late …, father of Betty and John. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, May 15, at 1.15 p.m.

RIDDLE.—On May 9, suddenly at home, Winifred, beloved mother of Norman and mother-in-law of Lyndsay, loving grandmother of Louise, Stewart and David. Cremation at Aldershot Crematorium, May 20, at 2 p.m. No flowers. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

ROBERTSHAW. — On Monday, May 13, after a short illness Harry, much loved husband of Betty and father of Sally and Caroline. Family flowers only. Funeral inquiries to A. G. Adams & Son, 1, Gladstone Road, Barry.

RUSSELL. — On May 11, 1985, peacefully at St Joseph's Hospice, Phyllis Evelyn. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Hendon Lane, N3, on Friday, May 17, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, Hackney, London, E8.

SCHREIBER.—On May 10, Pamela Shulman(?) Schreiber, aged 74, of Aldingham …, only daughter of Capt. and the Hon. Mrs Schreiber of Marlesford Hall. Funeral at St Peter's in the Wood, on Friday, May 17, at 3.30 p.m. The 1.10 p.m. train from Waterloo will be met at Andover.

SHARP.—On May 11, peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, Dr Dorothea Sharp, former University Lecturer (L.S.E.). Cremation service at Golders Green, Wednesday, May 15, at 12.10 p.m. Inquiries to Leverton & Sons, 01-387 6075.

SIMONIS.—On May 13, 1985, peacefully at Bognor Regis, West Sussex, Dorothy Caroline, widow of Rodney Rudolph Simonis. Inquiries to Reynolds, funeral directors, Bognor Regis, tel. (0243) 64745.

SIMPSON.—On May 6, Michael, much loved husband of Jane and beloved father of Rodney and Peter. Funeral took place on May 10 at Ab Kettleby, Leics.

SMITHSON.—On May 11, at the Clarence Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Jeffery Arthur, widower of Betty, loving father of Pauline and grandfather of Sarah and Rachel. Private cremation. No flowers or donations. A memorial service to be announced. Inquiries to E. R. Hickmott & Son Ltd, (0892) 22442.

SPENCER.—On May 13, peacefully in Worcester Royal Infirmary, Phoebe, late of Lucy Hill, Burley, much loved mother of David and Jennie. Service at St John the Baptist Church, Burley, Hampshire, on Thursday, May 16, at 3 p.m.

STACEY.—On Saturday, May 11, at St Albans City Hospital, after a short illness, Gladys Maude, aged 81, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral service at St Luke's, Bricket Wood, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

STEWART OF ARDVORLICH.—On May 11, 1985, suddenly at Ardvorlich, Jean Stewart, beloved father of Mary and Sandy and much loved grandfather. Funeral service at 3 p.m., on May 15, at Dundurn Parish Church, St Fillans, Perthshire and afterwards at Dundurn burial ground. Family flowers only, please.

STOUT. — On May 10, 1985, William, beloved husband of the late Margaret Catherine, of Woodlands, Haile, near Egremont, Cumbria, dear father of Jane and Tom. All inquiries to Read, funeral directors, (0946) 820209.

STRATHCONA.—On May 13, after much illness, courageously … and most … cared for, Diana Evelyn, aged 86, widow of Donald, third Baron Strathcona, and loved grandmother of 16. Service private, remembrance occasion to be announced.

SULLEY.—On May 12, at Warwick Hospital, in her 83rd year, Laura Mary, of 39, Acacia Road, Leamington Spa, a beloved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at St Mark's Church, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa, at 1.45 p.m. on Monday, May 20, followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations to St Mark's Church, c/o The Rev. R. Rigg, St Mark's Vicarage, St Mark's Road, Leamington Spa.

TAYLOR. — On May 10, suddenly in Chicago, U.S.A., Andy Taylor, dearly loved eldest son of Mary and Andrew I. Taylor, C.B.E., of 107, Queen's Court, Ramsey, Isle of Man. Funeral arrangements later.

TAYLOR.—On May 11, peacefully, at home, Augustus Frank Charles Taylor, aged 83 years, of 2, Vicarage Close, Great Bookham, beloved husband of the late Gladys Taylor and dear father and friend. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, May 17, at 1.30 p.m. Flowers if desired to L. Hawkins & Sons, (0372) 53435, or donations to British Heart Foundation.

THORNLEY.—On May 11, 1985, in Cyprus, Bernard George, late of Ceylon and India.

UNWIN.—On May 10, 1985, peacefully at his son's home, Ernest Edward, aged 87 years. Requiem Mass at St Thomas's Catholic Church, Sevenoaks, on Friday, May 17, at 10 noon. No flowers, please, but donations to Christian Aid.

WAKELEY.—On May 10, peacefully after a short illness at Moor Street House, Rainham, Agnes, aged 86 years, much beloved wife of Joseph, also much loved friend to Phyllis who was her constant companion and friend for 51 years, also affectionate aunt to William and family. Funeral 2.30 p.m., Friday, May 17, at St Margarets, Rainham. Flowers to Thomas Fowle & Sons, 68 Balmoral Road, Gillingham.

WARD.—On May 13, 1985, peacefully at home, Monica Turner, beloved wife of the late William Ward, mother of Robert and Caroline, of Fleet, Hampshire. Funeral service at Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot, on Thursday, May 16, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers to E. Finch & Sons Ltd, Aldershot 22281.

WATSON.—On May 12, in hospital, Luther Holden, loving husband of Pamela, of Edgemoor, Yelverton. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Yelverton, on Friday, May 17, at 1.40 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Asthma Research Council, St Thomas' Hospital, London.

WATTS.—On May 11, 1985, peacefully, Charles, aged 89, formerly senior executive officer in the Inland Revenue, beloved husband of Susan and loving father of Jeremy. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Ewell, on May 20, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Flowers may be sent to W. A. Truelove & Sons Ltd, Epsom.

WEBB.—On May 10, suddenly and peacefully in the presence of her daughter, at her home in Southgate, London, Mrs Annie Webb, in her 83rd year, beloved wife of the late David Webb, dear mother of Betty and much appreciated grandmother of Nigel, Jane, Lucy and John. Funeral service at Christ Church, Southgate, N.14, at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 20, followed by burial at Southgate Cemetery beside her late husband. So shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4-17.

WEBB.—On May 11, Doris Emily, wife of late Arnold Webb. Funeral service at Cholmeley Evangelical Church, Highgate, Tuesday, May 21, 2 p.m. No flowers. Donations may be made to Cholmeley Missionary Gift Day Fund.

WELLER.—On May 10, in Chesterfield, Albert Edward, into the loving care of his Saviour whom he faithfully served, beloved husband of Elsie and father of Brian and Marilyn.

WHITE.—On May 13, 1985, peacefully at his home in the Isle of Man, Dr David Gordon White, devoted husband of Patricia, father of Tonia, Penny and Patrick and grandfather. Cremation, Douglas, May 17.

WHITE.—On May 12, peacefully at Tetbury Hospital, Judith Emily, much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral service Church of the Holy Cross, Avening, Thursday, May 16, 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Help the Aged.

WILCOX.—On May 10, 1985, peacefully, Edith Joan (née Ellis), late of Goldenhurst Farm, Aldington, Ashford, loved mother of Ann and Janet, beloved grandmother of Kathleen, Diane, George, Joan and John. Funeral, Bonnington Church, 10.45 a.m., May 20.

WITHERS.—On May 10, suddenly at home, Francis Norman Withers, O.B.E., B.Sc. (Econ), F.C.A., cherished and much loved husband of Margaret, devoted to his family, Jenny, Martin, Katie and grandchildren. Funeral, Friday, May 17, at Brinton, Norfolk, 2 p.m. Funeral directors, David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham.

WOOD.—On May 9, 1985, suddenly at home, Norman Douglas, aged 76 years, formerly Chairman and Managing Director of Denby Pottery, much loved husband of Barbara and a dear father to Andrew and Christopher.

WOODLEY.—On May 12, 1985, at St Catherine's Hospital, Birkenhead, Alice, in her 81st year, widow of John Middleton Woodley, beloved mother of David and Joyce, and grandmother to Alison and Angus. Service at St Saviour's Church, Oxton, on Friday, May 17, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Landican Crematorium. Flowers please, may be sent to The T.A. Ball Funeral Service, Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead.

YATES.—On May 9, 1985, Douglas William, of 12, Overlea Crescent, Deganwy, formerly Solicitor of Ashton-under-Lyne.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BYRNE. — The family of the late Garvan Joseph Paul sincerely thank the doctors, nurses and staff of Ward 5D of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital for the years of care and attention given during their son's long illness, all relatives, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, mass cards, beautiful floral tributes and charitable donations to Helen House Hospice during their recent bereavement.

GODDEN. — Mrs Ellen (Nell) Godden, Bryan and Susan wish to sincerely thank all their relatives and many friends for their wonderful letters, flowers and donations for the restoration of the Mayfield Church Bells in memory of Charles. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

WALKER-BRASH. — On May 5, Jacqueline. The funeral service will now take place on Monday, May 20, at 12 noon, at Salisbury Crematorium.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CONYERS, Bernard.—A Memorial Service for the late Bernard Conyers, Director of the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research, will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, London SW1, at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 4, 1985.

LINES, Adrian Stewart, passed away tragically in South Africa on May 4, 1985.—A Memorial Service will be held at the Rushmere Church, Rushmere Road, Ipswich, on Friday, May 17, at 12 noon. It would be appreciated if donations in lieu of flowers could be sent to the St Felix(?) Home for the Blind, Princes Road, Felixstowe. Any further inquiries please tel. (0473) 73505 or 01-883 6760.

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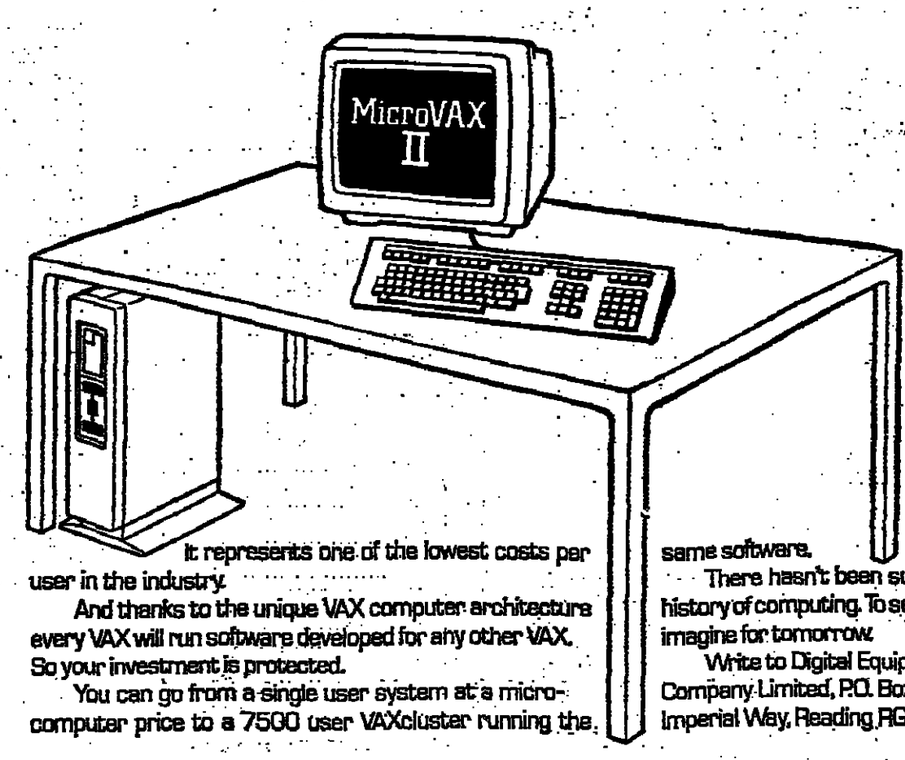

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Yesterday in Parliament

FEAR OVER ILEA BRINGS FOURTH DEFEAT FOR GLC BILL

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

THE Government suffered a fourth defeat in the Local Government Bill yesterday when peers objected to powers allowing the Education Secretary to split up the Inner London Education Authority.

In a move led by the Bishop of LONDON, Dr Graham Leonard, the Lords voted by 142 votes to 133, a majority of nine, to truncate Ministerial powers to review ILEA administration.

The bishop went into the division lobbies as a teller to back a committee stage amendment in his name.

Dr Leonard said that a mandatory review and further reviews after 1991, as proposed in the Bill, would be demoralising and disruptive.

The directly elected authority needed stability to discharge functions which would include extra responsibilities assumed on the demise of the Greater London Council. Conditions imposed on it seemed to him contrary to the principles of good management and administration.

Extensive reviews

In three successive Parliaments over the last eight years the ILEA had been subjected to extensive reviews.

It was always subject to the scrutiny of inspectors of schools and, like any statutory body, would always be subject to reviews in the light of performance and changing circumstances.

The prospect of the continuing reviews proposed in the Bill would be demoralising, disruptive and would inevitably involve additional expense. In the interests of education in inner London the ILEA should have a proper chance to settle down.

Lord KILMARNOCK (Soc. Dem.) said this clause in the Bill was bad for parents, teachers and children.

Baroness SEROTA (Lab.) a former ILEA vice-chairman supported the Bishop's amendment and urged fellow peers to remove a perpetual source of damaging delay which would otherwise hang over the head of one of the greatest education authorities in Britain.

Lord BELOFF (C) said that if the ILEA succeeded in the next five years, the Education Secretary's review could be perfunctory. If not, there would be difficult questions to resolve.

They would be resolved far better if the new ILEA did work properly and achieved better results than its predecessor had over the last few years.

Lord ALEXANDER of POTTERHILL (Ind.) said the proposed review made education impossible.

Lord STEWART of FULHAM (Lab) said it was for citizens who paid their rates and for the parents of the children involved to express their opinions on the working of the ILEA through the ordinary process of elections. That was how local government worked.

Lord ALPORT (Ind C) said the issue was not one of party politics. Implicitly it concerned not only the health of the children but parents' interests throughout the capital.

The Government should not hand powers to a possible successor to be used to their disadvantage in the future.

The Earl of GOWRIE, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said the new ILEA would have responsibility for large amounts of ratepayers' money. Government had an obligation to monitor how it was used.

A sensible ILEA, which lived up to expectations and concerned itself wholly with education, had nothing to fear from a statutory review. As a result of the sword over his head, Damocles became a more sensible and realistic fellow.

The Government had a majority of 14 when the Lords divided 148-134 on a manuscript amendment moved by Lord MOLSON (C) designed to replace single-purpose bodies with a joint authority overseeing police, fire, transport and waste disposal functions in each metropolitan county area.

Lord Molson questioned why they should have four voices where one authority would be better for reasons of both economy and efficiency.

Intervening in an animated debate Lord HOME of the HIRSEL (C) said the change would counter the Government's intentions, breach convention and bring the House grievous trouble by affecting the kernal of the Bill.

Bishop of LONDON: Previews will be demoralising and disruptive.

Civil liberties protest

By WILLIAM WEEKES
Parliamentary Staff

THE National Council for Civil Liberties was criticised in the Commons last night for deciding at its annual meeting recently that the collective right to strike was more important than the right of the individual to work during a strike.

"I would have hoped that any organisation devoted to civil liberties would not have taken exception to a report that said the freedom not to take part in a strike was as fundamental as the right to strike," said Mr MELLOR, Home Office Under-Secretary.

This was a reference to the independent report into the policing of the miners' strike set up by the council which concluded that both rights were of equal standing, a position the meeting rejected by a substantial majority.

Opening a debate on civil liberties, Mr RICHARD OTTAWAY (C, Nottingham N) said the NCCL was saying that power was more important than the right of the individual, "and that I cannot accept."

Mr Ottaway called for a Bill of Rights and incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into this country's legal system.

Workers take 3 million BAe shares

By PETER PRYKE
Parliamentary Correspondent

THREE million British Aerospace shares had gone to employees of the company, Mr GEOFFREY PATTIE, Defence Procurement Minister, told the Commons yesterday when he reported on the outcome of the sale of its remaining stake.

He was replying to a Labour charge that the Government was ashamed that only three per cent. of shares had gone to employees, and 55 per cent. to the preferential institutions.

Mr JOHN SMITH, Shadow Industry Secretary, also accused the Minister of seeking to obscure the total raised by the sale—£550 million.

"There is an increasing public perception that this exercise is selling off the furniture to pay the rent," Mr Smith said.

"The money goes to the Treasury and is squandered by the Government while the taxpayer loses the prospect of future dividends from his shareholdings."

He also accused the Government of reneging on its commitment, given in 1981 when privatisation legislation was before Parliament, that it would retain a 25 per cent. shareholding in the national interest.

250,000 applications

Mr PATTIE said the national interest had been safeguarded by the "golden share" retained by the Government, which prevented a foreign takeover.

Describing the employee take-up of shares as "pretty satisfactory," he said: "A quarter of a million people applied for shares which is an indication of the confidence people have in this company."

Mr DENNIS SKINNER (Lab., Bolsover) asked if the Government could give any guarantee that a number of shares had not been sold to foreign nationals from countries such as Libya or Argentina.

Mr PATTIE replied that he could give no such guarantee. Anyone free to deal on the stock market could buy shares.

But the national interest was totally guarded by the special share, and the possibility of reference to the Monopoly and Mergers' Commission.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

2.30: Local Government Bill, ctte (day 7); Further Education Bill, ctte.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Oil and Pipelines Bill, 2nd Rdg; Ports (Finance) Bill, Rmng stages.

FALKLAND FARE 'TOO DEAR'

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER
Air Correspondent

THE Government's sub-class air fare for a return flight between Britain and the Falklands has been declared "totally unacceptable" by the Falkland Islanders.

The £2,250 return ticket will kill any hope of a tourist trade according to the Falkland Islands Association.

It says there has been considerable protest at the suggested fare, which is more than twice that of a return trip from Britain to Australia.

The Government claims the cost for a seat on a military flight to the new airport at Mount Pleasant is based on the pre-Falklands war price of a ticket between London and Port Stanley.

Any civilian can apply for a ticket through the Foreign Office but the sale of seats is subject to a vetting procedure on the justification for travel.

'Low' standard

The Falklanders say in their associations newsletter that the actual cut-rate return fare before the war was 606 for the London to Buenos Aires trip, with £258 for the leg to the islands, or 8£64 return in total.

Adjusted for inflation the return fare ought now to be £988, it says. But the only way of getting to or from the Falklands by air is to fly on a Hercules airbridge aircraft to Stanley airport or by RAF TriStar to Mount Pleasant.

"The British Government should take note that the standard of travel on a military plane falls far below that of a civilian flight," states the newsletter.

"For example, military planes serve no alcohol, show no in-flight video, and the standard of food provided is well below that of some of the worst airlines in the world.

"The suggested cost of £2,250 is totally unacceptable and will kill any hope of a tourist trade in the Falkland Islands."

From June to November the service will be by British Airways 747s. Then RAF Tristars will continue with a three-weekly service.

£40m BELFAST PLAN

A £40 million redevelopment of part of Belfast city centre was unveiled yesterday. Billed as a "heart transplant" of Belfast, the Castle Court development will provide shops and offices on a 7½-acre site fronting the city's main thoroughfare, Royal Avenue.

23,000 more air holidays on offer

By Our Air Correspondent

THE Civil Aviation Authority estimates that spending on package holidays by charter flights this year will be £2,119 million, compared with £2,000 million last year.

Britain's air travel organisers have been authorised to offer 8,647,015 air holidays in 1985, only 23,000 more than last year.

A CAA analysis of the accounts of Britain's largest tour operators shows that in 1984 they made a profit of £55·5 million (down 3·7 per cent. on 1983) on a turnover of £1,799 million (up 21 per cent).

The overall profit was three per cent. of turnover, down from 3·9 per cent. in 1983.

Top three

Seven of the top 30 operators made losses totalling £10·7 million on a turnover of £201·5 million.

The top three air travel organisers in terms of the number of holidays authorised by the CAA are Thomson Travel, with 1,313,566, Intasun Travel, with 880,438, and Horizon Holidays with 409,270.

The number of holidays each of the other companies has been authorised to offer ranges from 323,200 to 50,000.

Thomson Travel has increased its share of the market this year by 358,837 holidays.

Violent defiance of rate-capping 'damaging party'

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

LABOUR councillors and party activists were warned yesterday that "abuse, division and displays of violent aggression" over whether to comply with the Government's rate-capping legisation were doing the party serious harm.

The warning came in a resolution from the local government committee of the party's National Executive.

The resolution also set out the circumstances in which Labour councils might consider breaking the law.

It follows the backtracking by enough Labour councillors to see through a legal rate on authorities ranging from the GLC to Sheffield city council, and the split within the "Hard Left" which ensued.

The resolution made clear reference to the unruly scenes at last week's meeting of Southwark council when protesters, including Mr Edward "Red Ted" Knight, leader of Lambeth council, prevented the authority fixing a rate.

With recriminations between council leaders who have fixed a rate and those still defying the law continuing, the local government committee was anxious to cool temperatures without being accused by the ultra-Left of a "sell-out."

It accepted that there was a place both for complying with Government edicts and for defying them, depending on local circumstances.

It backed moderates on this issue such as Mr Kenneth Livingstone, GLC leader, by declaring that "no party or group should require individual councillors to break the law as as an act of faith."

No council, it said, should be expected to continue with any tactic unless it believed it were the only option for maintaining jobs and services.

Deadlock continues

The committee castigated the refusal by Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, to meet Labour councils on the rate-capping issue.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday backed this refusal in reply to a plea by Mr Kinnock, Labour leader. The Prime Minister said any talks might be regarded as negotiations, thus justifying further delays in setting a rate.

Seven councils are saill refusing to set a rate in protest against the Government's legislation. Mr Kinnock had asked Mr Jenkin to meet a delegation including Dr John Cunningham, Shadow Environment spokesman, Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield city council, and Mr Jack Layden, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

SEVEN WARNED

Auditor's letters

Councillors on the seven defiant authorities received letters from the District Auditor yesterday telling them to set a rate by the end of May. This is the deadline the High Court set for Hackney.

Camden, Lambeth, Southwark and Greenwich meet tomorrow, and moderates within the Labour groups at the first three are pushing for a rate to be set. Hackney meets next Tuesday, but Islington and Liverpool have no plans for an early meting.

Labour NEC urged to turn down 'illegal' candidate

By VALERIE ELLIOT
Political Staff

THE Labour party's ruling body, the National Executive Committee, is being urged not to endorse the "illegal" selection of the black Parliamentary candidate for the Lewisham East constituency.

Mr Charles Turnock, chairman of the party's organisation sub-committee, last night said that the selection of Mr Russell Proffitt, 37, as the Labour candidate could not be recognised because he had not been chosen according to the party's rules.

Challenge likely

The NEC is to discuss the issue next Wednesday but the selection raises again the whole question of black sections within the party.

Under the present constitution constituency parties are not allowed to have separate black sections, and such sections have no standing or affiliation within the party's organisation.

No candidate can stand officially for the Labour party unless he has been endorsed by the NEC. In this case the NEC could not endorse the candidate because of the breach of rules.

"If Mr Proffitt was nominated in accordance with the rules then he would be the candidate," said Mr Turnock.

Although he hoped that the matter would be resolved before the party conference in October, it seems certain that Lewisham East constituency Labour party will challenge the decision if it is ratified by the NEC next week.

The option then open to Labour is to investigate fully the structure and workings of the constituency party and if it is found to be operating against the party's rules, could be disbanded and a new one formed.

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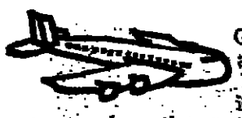

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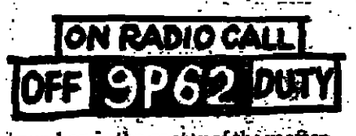

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION / Dub and Otherwise

Reggae, voice of resentment

IT IS good news that the present Granada series about the last days of the British Empire is to be followed next season with a B B C series on the one result of our imperialism which continues to spread, and to adopt new guises. Whether we see the reasons for the widespread use of the English language as creditible or otherwise it remains a useful fact of life.

John Pett's **Dub and Otherwise** (B B C-2), an extract from a Jamaican concert of music and words set up for the forthcoming series, last night's made a piquant appetiser.

Whatever the continuing resentment of the white man, and the British - orientated education system not yet entirely reformed, it was all expressed in energetic English.

Dub poetry means verse spoken rather than sung, but designed to fit with the rhythms of its reggae musical accompaniment. Jean Breeze, a sympathetic exponent, said that it was in part a protest against the British iambic pentameter. Whether it will arrive at something more positive than mere protest remains to be seen.

Meanwhile the island also has its excellent mainstream or conventional poets who joined with their dub colleagues at this hot summer's night concert in Kingston. Of those on view here Edward Braithwaite was clearly the most talented and original. But it was Mervyn Morris's simple memory of "The Day My Father Died" that I found most moving, a fresh approach to a very universal theme.

As might be expected from an outsider John Pett's camera retained a certain distance. Though it was not quite so pronounced as that of the old film makers whose works have been borrowed from the archives for Brian Lapping's **End of Empire** (C4).

Mark Anderson's fifth programme last night dealt with Malaya, tracing the history of the colony from the start of the Japanese occupation in 1942 to the final surrender of power to the very acceptable Tunku Abdul Rahman in 1957. As elsewhere the story was of British improvisation with the need of the moment always swamping any trace of long-term visions.

The compilation had a stronger spine than others in the series as it was mainly told through the experience of a single British officer. Nowadays a man of much goodwill to to almost everybody, John Davis must have been a very tough operator in his active service period.

From 1941 to 1945 he worked in the Special Operations Executive, encouraging Chin Peng and his guerrillas in their resistance to the Japanese. Later he was a civil servant.

It was a clear film and, as far as I could judge, fair to all sides. The only shock was to be reminded of the venerable age now reached by the 1950's National Servicemen who fought "the emergency" during their two-year stint. These being a slightly later generation of conscripts than I was.

Sean Day-Lewis

Claude Ghorayeb, a school teacher in Beirut, who appears in a documentary, "Barricades," on I.T.V tonight, which describes 10 years of civil war in the Lebanon through the lives of three young women.

MUSIC / Brighton Festival

Enter bawdy harlequin

MR PUNCH, Harlequin, clowns and circuses—all were represented in the Brighton Festival's two concerts on Sunday, focal contributions to this year's exploration of the commedia dell'arte, its extension and derivative. In the afternoon at Glyndebourne, the Consort of Musicke gave a programme of Renaissance music-theatre, drawing for its first half on the repertoire of madrigals which John Milton brought back from his travels to Italy.

It was a splendid foil to the Consort's own playing and singing, which, in the second half of the concert took us through some English madrigals, including Thomas Ravenscroft's "Hodge and Malkin" (a dialogue written in broad Somerset dialect and fruitily sung by Rufus Muller, and Emma Kirkby), Weelkes's intensely chromatic "Noel, adieu," and the vivacious "Country Cries" of Richard Deering. All this was performed with tremendous communicative vigour by the Consort, and, with the pre-concert and interval entertainment provided by the Broadside Band, constituted a thoroughly enjoyable and at the same time informative concert.

Sung in period costume and with an air of quiet, impromptu informality, the concert ranged through madrigals by Orazio Vecchi, Marenzio and Monteverdi until suddenly the atmosphere of intimate domestic music-making was shattered by a sharp "who's that" from the back of the stalls.

This introduced the virile talent of Titino Carrara, who has made a special study of the role of Harlequin. And virile is the word; for if there was ever any doubt that these renaissance fellows could be a bawdy lot, Vecchi's madrigal "Tick Tock"—not merely suggestive but boldly explicit — proves the point, as did Carrara in vividly acted commentary on the text. His timing, both here and in his solo items—delivered in rapid Italian but with demonstrative facial and manual gestures — was magnificent.

There were nearly as many musical styles represented in Pousseur's "The Passion according to Punch", given at The Dome by the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Electric Phoenix under Ronald Zollman. The Swingles, disco beat, church music and Latin American rhythms—these and many other musical traits feature in this inventive melange, an expansion (done in collaboration with Paulo Chagas) of the fourth alternative ending of Pousseur's opera "Votre Faust". Its fragmentary invention and boldly resourceful orchestration are intriguing in isolated passages, but the work barely holds together as a satisfying cohesive entity.

Geoffrey Norris

Dallas's other cultural export

ADRIAN WOODHOUSE on the rapid rise of the city's symphony orchestra

WHEN LARRY HAGMAN takes a seat in the Royal Box at the Festival Hall on Friday the real-life citizens of Dallas will be hoping that they can provide a world-class cultural export apart from the Ewings. For this week, under the umbrella of the American Festival, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra are making their debut in Europe.

Their conductor and musical director, the young Mexican-born Eduardo Mata, is no stranger to London. However his prime aim for the past eight years has been the nurturing of the D S O and their appearance together in Europe for the first time—along with a well-heeled band of supporters of whom Mr Hagman is one — marks a pre-emptive bid to turn the big five orchestras in the US into a big six.

It is a testament to one of the most rapid and remarkable rises in the fortunes of any orchestra since the war.

The score is real life Dallas that doesn't need any of the histrionics of J R. The people of Texas's financial capital, having awoken belatedly to the delights of classical music and the possibilities of their own orchestra, have set about giving the D S O status and prestige, almost as methodically as if they were buying a new outfit from Neiman Marcus.

In fact the D S O was founded as long ago as 1900. In the thirties it was endowed with a 2,900-seat concert hall next door to the state fair ground. Just after the war Antal Dorati was its music director and so briefly in the early sixties was Georg Solti. However, despite the support of the old Dallas property and oil money, the orchestra never succeeded in becoming anything other than a provincial one.

A decade ago it finally went bust and a group of private supporters decided it was time to take their orchestra seriously. Coincidentally the city was undergoing a new phase of its astonishing boom and the D S O's confidence in their own financial muscle spilled over.

The answer was to find the right musical and physical direction. The first was found just across the border in Eduardo Mata, then only 34 and music director of the National Opera in Mexico City. The second was a decision to build the best concert hall that money could buy as the focal point of a brand new arts district right beneath the glittering towers of Dallas's financial centre.

Mata saw "great potential, not only in the orchestra itself but also in the city of Dallas—what it would do for the orchestra." Committing himself to spending 20 weeks of every year with the D S O he quickly restored musical morale, built up numbers, brought in recording contracts and set about honing the repertoire.

More than that he realised that a young orchestra needs showmanship and he took the D S O out into parks and popular concerts and he himself is indefatigably putting himself about, to speak to students and Friends groups (the D S O has four) and record-signing sessions.

The private response to this new vigour was astonishing. In a decade, ticket sales have doubled, the number of subscribers to the orchestra has swelled from 2,000 to 21,000 and, most dramatically of all, after one false start, the orchestra has raised almost all of the $80 million needed for a superb concert hall designed by Mrs I. M. Pei, architect of the much-lauded national gallery extension in Washington.

The raising of that money would make British orchestras froth with envy. A quarter has been provided by the city administration. Another quarter, thanks in no small measure to the orchestra's new chairman, who happens to be the most successful advertising man in Dallas, has been provided by commercial sponsors: American Airlines, a major carrier into Dallas Forth Worth airport, is a substantial contributor and the major sponsor of the European tour.

But most spectacular have been the private donations. One wealthy lady committed herself to giving $1 million and then upped the figure to $5 million after a lunch at which Mata spoke, while the Dallas electronics billionaire Ross Perot calmly gave a cheque for $10 million.

As the orchestra flew out of Dallas the first turves were due to be turned on the concert hall site and bidding was beginning unofficially in millions of dollars for the private boxes that will be situated around Pei's cool, almost neo-Classical horseshoe-shaped interior. The building is due for completion in 1988.

The tour Mata admits is a gamble since Europeans may be rather suspicious of a first generation great orchestra. But he says that the D S O has to take it to prove to itself and the world that it is of world class standard. "It has been something that we have been aiming for for a very long time and we have to be dealing winners in the eyes of everybody in Dallas."

CANNES FILMS / Argentine atrocities

A POLITICAL film is a rarity, and one of considerable merit even rarer. All credit, then, to the Cannes International Film Festival, which opened on Wednesday, to have found so promptly for its competition such a topical and moving example as the Argentine "The Official Version" directed by Louis Puenzo.

For this is the first film to be made in Argentina since the fall of the military dictatorship which openly discusses the fate of those tortured or still missing in the preceding period. It is the first to be shown there, too, some 500,000 seeing it in these first six weeks of its exhibition there.

The view of what appears to be acknowledged as torture and slaughter camps is effectively oblique, indeed while much is heard of them, nothing is shown.

The picture is filled in as a result of a middle-class mother's doubts being aroused as to the origin of her adopted daughter. A childless couple, they adopted this now lively five-year-old as a baby, the arrangement being made by the husband who is somewhat vaguely in business and perhaps politics.

It is the mother's efforts, by visits to the hospital of the birth, and following clues on the birth certificate, which gradually confirm her worst fears that this was one of many babies born to tortured woman who did not survive.

More is heard of the atrocities when the girl's grandmother is traced, and the husband's true character is revealed when, finally challenged by his wife on the adoption arrangement, he shows himself to have been at one with the torturers and murderers.

Itis a grim all too credible picture of corruption that emerges, given the utmost conviction by Norma Aleandra's superb performance as the mother whose persistence in uncovering evil makes her a heroic and yet very human character. Add to other telling performances a rapid, direct visual style in scenes around the capital, and this remains a very moving and disturbing film.

Rather a difficult film to overtake on the way to the prizes, I would say, though the competition in its early stages has thrown up much of merit, not least the opening film "Witness," a first Hollywood film from the well known Australian director Peter Weir.

After opening as a conventional "Cops and Robbers" in Philadelphia, Mr Weir cleverly gets rid completely of these undesirables by having his hero, a detective threatend by corrupt colleagues, take refuge in a nameless community in the country whose characters and curious customs he is obviously delighted to study at length.

As the detective in hiding Harrison Ford, lately of hyperspace, is somewhat out of his depth in this deep community presided over by some very picturesque people, Kelly Mcgillis being outstanding as the young Amish widow who provides as much of a love interest as the community will tolerate, with Luke Haas delightful as her little boy.

There is only one British entry in the competition, which seems a pity in our "film year". While Nicholas Roeg's "Insignificance" is efficient, as expected in this director, it's hardly remarkable despite its assembly in an American hotel room over night of people who appear to be Marilyn Monroe, Alfred Einstein, Senator Joe McCarthy and the actress's husband, Joe Di Maggio.

The resulting confrontations and conversations differ little from in the play of the same name (which ran at the Royal Court) from Terry Johnson who writes this script; indeed the piece, despite useful studies from Theresa Russell (the actress) and Michael Emil (the Professor) remains stubbornly theatrical.

Patrick Gibbs

ART / Cricket nostalgia

GERRY WRIGHT has been hailed by Peter Blake as the first "Ruralist." It is a charming claim and a reasonable one, even if it does not ring out as quite the clarion call some would like. However the statement reveals much about Wright's exhibition "Cricket's Golden Summer: Paintings in a Garden" at the Chris Beetles Gallery, 5 Ryder Street, St James's, until May 18.

Even more instructive is Peter Blake's observation that the paintings are in the style of the illustrations used in the Boys Own Paper. This is indeed an exhibition to bring back memories of glorious summers, victories won and games lost and of the irrelevance of triumph and defeat, because all was well in the Empire and it was the game that mattered.

These paintings, and they are portraits of great men, conjure up the shades of Ranji and noble families like the Hearnes, for there is a study of J. T. Hearne, who in the years before the 1914-18 war eight times took nine wickets in an innings. Behind them are the ghosts, for the shades of W. G. Grace and Newbolt are not far away.

Nostalgia is no bad thing and this exhibition provides a positive orgy of it. Time and time again we see what Peter Blake meant when he called Gerry Wright a Ruralist. That movement, which has never quite registered in the way that it should, is dedicated to the very English values that are epitomised by cricket.

Heightened emotion expressed with a kind of formalised restraint is what it is all about. For one thing the colour is more than a little odd, indeed it is curiously intense. The English gardens in the background are all in glorious bloom, and so are these men and boys. They do not yet know that they are to be cut down in the trenches of France and Flanders.

Terence Mullaly

RADIO / Mixed memories

IF POLITICIANS had difficulty in deciding how to mark the 40th anniversary of V-E Day, so too did programme makers.

In a week of muted celebration, the grim voices of Chamberlain, Churchill and Eisenhower were exhumed by historians from the sound archives to remind us that the war was not yet merely the province of later generations of film producers, television script writers and nostalgia merchants. Then there were the wartime songs and misty memories of the good old days when everyone mucked in together.

Alongside the solemn service of peace and reconciliation at Westminster Abbey (broadcast with a commentary from Wynford Vaughan-Thomas and Raymond Baxter in the best Home Service tradition on Radio 4) a curious assortment of memories of the day itself were presented.

In **The Way We Were** (Radio 4, Wednesday) the Queen recalled what was probably her first impromptu walkabout. In the same crowd outside Buckingham Palace was Humphrey Lyttleton, who remembered the night on **When the Lights Go On** (L B C)—a rather too-brief series of edited official highlights and more unofficial recollections.

And while the lumps in the throats of the Abbey commentators grew audibly larger, Sarah Kennedy on Radio 2 added snippets of wartime life to listeners' views on the most successful way of determining the sex of your baby.

Reconciliation may well begin at home but surely it must be necessary to see things in more or less the same light. **International Assignment**'s report on how children are taught about the war (Radio 4, Friday) would have us believe there is still some way to go.

Education, or the lack of it, was not something that Grandma Ponsonby ever found impeded her masterful tyranny of the tea table in **Daughters and Sons** (Radio 4, Sundays and repeated on Fridays). The ambitions and attempted rebellions of her daughter Hetta, her widower son and his deliciously seditious children are kept in check with icy precision. John Spurling's serialisation of Ivy Compton-Burnett's novel continues to follow the shifting patterns of alliance in a most witty account of family statecraft.

Captain Lemuel Gulliver, however, proved to be a less able tactician in **Gulliver Five**, a final voyage charted for him by Brian Wright (Radio 3, Sunday). The author of the Travels is dislodged from retirement with his beloved horses, the nearest things to his spiritual masters in that equitopia, Houyhnhnmland, by a scheming wife and a noted natural philosopher Dr Pater and committed to the mad house. There patient and doctor join in a dialogue about reason, morality and science.

As he resists Pater's attempts to force him to deny the truth of his writings and is taken in by friends and enemies who wish to prove them true, poor Gulliver becomes some sort of holy fool. To resurrect convincingly a character born 259 years ago is perhaps impossible. However, Brian Wright has woven sufficient of the original story through this belated sequel to make a fascinating story of weakness, greed and mendacity with much of the bite and satire of Swift, even if it was a little long at two hours.

Marsha Dunstan

THEATRE / Why 40 whacks?

"BLOOD RELATIONS" by Sharon Pollock at the Derby Playhouse puts up a good defence for Lizzie Borden. Not that she was ever convicted of parricide. But the presumption is so strong that in spite of her acquittal we no longer ask whether — but why.

This Canadian playwright advances several reasons. Chiefly they are what we now call feminist. Discontented as a virtual prisoner at home, Lizzie had no money of her own and was expected to marry her father's choice.

"Am I different" she asks. Well, she is advanced in terms of liberated women for 1892; and we can see how she might resent her stepmother.

But why take an axe to her father too? Because he played havoc with her aviary? No, she forgave him for that; but he would hardly have understood what she had just done to his wife upstairs.

How she was acquitted and lived on with her sister in Massachusetts — "Did you do it, Liz?" the sister asks in this play 10 years after the trial —is as fascinating as Miss Pollock's presentation of motives. But by setting all the action in the family house and using flashbacks to the fatal day, Miss Pollock keeps her mystery ticking over nicely without I think exonerating the heroine who is an awkward piece of work to say the least.

The tension as the hour of the axe approaches is well maintained in Angie Langfield's production. Barbara Ewing plays Lizzie in the past with the right sense of helpless frustration; and Maggie Ford is the older and shrewder side of the character, looking back on the younger woman's aspirations.

Having two actresses to play the murderer, the evening acquires an interesting dimension. "Which one of them is playing Lizzie now?" we sometimes ask as one of them comes on as the maid. The device deepens our view of the character but in the end we never seem to learn enough about what made her do it—if indeed she did.

Guy Nicholls is the nice Irish doctor whom she fancies and Fred Bryant is the detective uncle. Alan Partington gives the engaging evening an eerie thrill when, hot foot from slaughtering his daughter's pet birds, he plunged an axe into the dining room table too, foreshadowing his own doom.

Eric Shorter

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
May 13.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of the Corporation of the Trinity House, this evening presided at the Anniversary Dinner for the Younger Brethren at Trinity House, E.C.3.

His Royal Highness attended by Squadron Leader Timothy Finneron, was received by the Deputy Master (Captain Sir Miles Wingate).

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Cox (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Cameroon and Madame Biya and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE. May 12.

Miss Muriel Bryant today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother when Her Majesty, on behalf of The Queen, decorated her with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

CLARENCE HOUSE. May 13.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, this morning named a British Railways locomotive "The Royal Anglian Regiment" at Liverpool Street Station.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE.
May 13.

The Duke of Gloucester today opened the Interior Design International Exhibition and presented the International Interior Design Award at Olympia, London W.14.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a Gala Concert in aid of famine relief in Ethiopia and the Sudan given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra at The Royal Albert Hall, London, W.8.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE.
May 13.

Princess Alexandra, as Patron of the 150th Anniversary Year celebrations, this afternoon visited St Mark's Hospital, City Road, London, E.C.1.

In the evening, Her Royal Highness attended a Service of Thanksgiving at the Church of St Matthew Westminster, S.W.1., for the restoration of the Church and of the Lady Chapel.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron, will visit the Pestalozzi Children's Village, Sedlescombe, East Sussex, on June 17.

A memorial service for Sir Robert Mayer will be held today at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at noon.

A memorial service for Major D. A. Blair will be held today at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, S.W.1, at noon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir Owen Green is 60 today; Mr I. F. D. Hill is 57; and Mr Chay Blyth, 45.

Today is the anniversary of the proclamation of the State of Israel in 1948.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr W. Wallace and Miss L. M. C. Webster

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs R. T. Wallace, of Pett, East Sussex, and Lucinda, daughter of Major General and Mrs B. C. Webster, of Ewshot, Surrey.

Mr A. Bisset and Miss S. J. Blair

The engagement is announced between Alastair, younger son of the late Col I. S. Bisset and of Mrs Elizabeth Linssen, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr Peter Blair, of the Dordogne, France, and Mrs Susan Blair, of Oakridge Lynch, Gloucestershire.

Mr R. N. Loraine-Smith and Miss A. E. Tolson

The engagement is announced from Johannesburg between Richard, son of the late Major George Loraine-Smith and of Mrs Loraine-Smith, of Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Tolson, of Hinksey Hill, Oxford.

Mr P. J. Carter and Miss G. F. Sturridge

The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs C. L. Carter, of Fundenhall, Norfolk, and Gabrielle, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Arthur Sturridge, of Arkley, Herts.

Mr D. R. Allan and Miss J. H. Brown

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Arnold Allan, of Melton Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Janet, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Arthur M. Brown, of Thornaby Green, Cleveland.

Mr J. O. Andrews and Miss M. Staples

The engagement is announced between Jamieson Oliver, only son of Mr and Mrs O. A. Andrews, of Bexley, Kent, and Melanie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Staples, of Farnborough, Kent.

Mr G. A. Light and Miss L. Meister

The engagement is announced between Gareth Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Light, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, and Laurie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Meister, of Rye Brook, New York, United States of America.

Mr P. N. J. Mitchell and Miss M. H. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Paul Nigel James, only son of the late Mr J. Mitchell and Mrs H. Dawes, of Alverstoke, Hants., and Morag Heather, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Lewis, of Harlow, Essex.

Mr J. F. S. Laing and Miss S. F. Perutz

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Scott Laing, of New York, and Mrs Isabelle Laing, of Algeciras, Spain, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Perutz, of Kenilworth, Illinois.

Mr D. G. Johnston and Miss A. J. Adair

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr W. B. Johnston, of Alicante, Spain, and Mrs M. J. Johnston, of Crockham Hill, Kent, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Adair, of Baughurst, Hampshire.

WEDDINGS

Capt. C. G. E. Barclay and Mrs K. A. Payne

The marriage took place on May 10 between Capt. Charles Barclay, of Brent Pelham Hall, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Ann Payne, of 2, Ladbroke Square, London, W.11, daughter of Lady Foster of Newton, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

Lt-Col R. C. Hayward and Mrs J. G. Struthers

The marriage took place quietly on May 4 at Linton, Roxburghshire, between Lt-Col Richard Cecil Hayward, widower of Mrs Stella Hayward, and Mrs Enid Struthers (née Huntington), widow of Mr Jim Struthers.

Mr J. Yates-Round and Miss T. Britneff

The marriage took place on April 27 at St Paul's Church, Rusthall, of Mr Jeremy Yates-Round, younger son of the Rev. J. and Mrs Yates-Round, and Miss Theresa Britneff, second daughter of Mr and Mrs V. A. (Tsany) Britneff. A reception was held at the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.

RECEPTION

British Council

Sir John Burgh, Director-General of the British Council, was host at a reception held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens, S.W.1, in honour of Mr Zhu Muzhi, Minister of Culture, People's Republic of China.

DINNERS

University College London

Sir James Lighthill, Provost, presided at University College London Fellows dinner held last night after the inauguration of the following:

New Fellows: Prof. R. J. Gillespie (in absentia), Prof. G. P. Goold, Prof. K. O. Kemp, Prof. Jiaxi Lu (in absentia), Prof. Sir Roy Marshall, Prof. G. M. Sifakis (in absentia), Mr J. C. Stillman, Dr P. M. Sutton and Prof. K. Vickerman; Honorary Fellows: Lord Scarman and Prof. D. V. L. Fairweather. Others present were: Sir John Donaldson, College Visitor, Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, Q.C., Sir Bernard Wales-Cohen, Sir James Hamilton, Sir Randolph Quirk, Maj.-Gen. Sir Leonard Atkinson, Sir Kenneth Christofas, Sir Leslie Fowden, Sir Frank Hartley, Sir Andrew Huxley, Sir Jack Jacob, Q.C., Sir Denis Rooke, Sir Arthur Snelling, Sir Robert Williams, Prof. J. W. Mullin, Vice-Provost; and Maj.-Gen. I. H. Baker, Secretary of the College.

Chatham Dining Club

Mr Julian Amery, M.P., was principal speaker at the 75th anniversary dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Sir Gilbert Longden was in the chair.

Furniture Makers' Company

The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was present last night at the annual installation dinner of the Furniture Makers' Company held at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr Barry Ercolani, presided and the other speakers were the Earl of Limerick, Mr Keith Wrighton, Senior Warden, and Mr Ray Leigh.

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr Peter Temple, M. P., Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a dinner given last night at the Athenaeum Hotel in honour of a Parliamentary Delegation from France, led by M. Philippe de Bourgoing, Senator for Calvados.

Wine and Spirit Trades' Benevolent Society

The Ambassador of France was present at the 89th banquet of the Wine and Spirit Trades' Benevolent Society held last night at Grosvenor House. M. Claude Taittinger presided. The speakers were the President, the Chairman of Council, Mr Geoffrey Hobbs, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, who replied to the toast of the guests.

Textile Institute

Dr J. R. McPhee, President of the Textile Institute, and Viscount Rochdale, Chairman of the Institute's Jubilee Appeal Committee, were hosts at a banquet held last night at Guildhall to celebrate the Institute's 75th anniversary. Viscount Rochdale launched a book published to mark the anniversary and the completion of the first phase of the Appeal. There were present:

Mr N. Lamont, M.P., Minister of State for Industry, Mr Alan Rudd, Deputy Director-General for Industry and the Internal Market, Commission of the European Communities, Dr H. Lorber and Mr J. A. Clough, Past Presidents of the Institute, and members of the International Governing Council of the Institute and of its sections throughout the world.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Councillor and Mrs John Bull, were present at a service of dedication held yesterday at St Marylebone Parish Church to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Middlesex Hospital Medical School. The Rev. C. K. Hamel Cooke officiated and the address was given by the Bishop of Fulham. The organist was Mr Ronald Withers, Department of Anatomy, and Mr Andrew Clark conducted the choir from the Middlesex Hospital Chorus. The lessons were read by the Dean of the School, Mr W. W. Slack, and Miss Margaret Matthews, a medical student. Among others present were:

The Chairman of the School Council, Mr D. B. Money-Coutts, and Mrs Money-Coutts, Sir Brian and Lady Windeyer, Sir Douglas and Lady Ranger, and other members and friends of the Medical School and Hospital.

MUSEUM OF ARMY FLYING

Prince Michael of Kent yesterday opened the new galleries at the Museum of Army Flying Middle Wallop. Among those present were:

Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell, Museum Trustees, Appeal Council, Lt-Gen. Sir Martin Farndale, the Marquess of Bristol, Mr J. Burningham, Mr P. E. Cadbury, Mr M. R. Carlton, Lord Chesham, Mr M. J. Cobham, Mr M. Collinge, Mr J. A. Cameron, Mr F. W. Crawley, Lord Denning, Sir Arthur Drew, Air Marshal Sir John Rogers, Mr L. R. Bentall, Gen. Sir Nigel Poett, Mr R. J. Fooley, Sir William Shapland, Councillor D. White, Mr L. Williams, Gen. Sir John Mogg, Mrs R. Hainer and Mrs G. E. Billingham.

MEETING

Royal Over-Seas League

Mr R. Newman Turner was guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. His subject was "Complimentary Medicine towards a new Science of Health." Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

£90,000 BAND FUND

A fund opened to help families of the 19 RAF bandsmen and the RAF police corporal killed in the autobahn coach accident near Munich in February has closed after reaching nearly £90,000.

5-year dig into Roman villa site

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

ENGLISH Heritage, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, has been given £50,000 to start a five-year excavation project of a 50-acre Roman villa complex at a Northamptonshire sand and gravel pit.

A feasibility study has already unearthed three mosiac floors of the villa at the Stanwick site, in the Nene Valley between Peterborough and Northampton. Experts at English Heritage believe it could be one of the most important sites excavated.

It is only the third occasion in the past 20 years that such a large area around a villa site has been examined and could result in valuable new information about the creation and lifestyle of Iron Age and Roman settlements.

It is believed a bath-house and farm buildings are likely to be found.

English Heritage said: "We are delighted to have permission to carry out the excavation. If it proves to be of the importance we think, we will be making plans for a permanent exhibition."

Open to public

The site is owned by ARC, the construction materials group, which is making plant available for the excavation, and is also re-planning its excavation of the sand and gravel. The total cost to the company could be about £150,000.

An ARC spokesman said: "The company is now supporting a full-scale investigation by assisting the dig financially and amending production schedules to leave the site intact for five years."

A team of 25 archaeologists will be taking part in the dig at any one time and the site will be open to the public, with an adjacent information and interpretation centre.

Latest Wills

ABERCROMBIE, Mrs M. L., Nr Little Shelford, Cambs	£227,058
BARLTLETT, T. S., Sherborne, Dorset	302,998
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ELSEY, F. C., Finningham, Suffolk	199,850
FIELD, H. S., O.B.E., Glastonbury, Somerset	217,906
HAMILTON, J. A. S., Fulham, London	278,014
HEFFER, Mrs V., Bramley, Surrey	257,007
MORRIS, Miss E. M., Penarth, South Glam	154,508
MORRIS, D. R. O., Milford Haven, Dyfed	208,450
MYERS, Mrs L. S., Swanage, Dorset	248,725
SHEARING, L. J., Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk	354,236
SNOW, T. V., Bere Regis, Dorset	447,826
TAYLOR, Sir R. M., C.B.E., London	405,225
THORNTON, B., Northampton	217,085
WHITEMORE, Mrs M. M., Bramcote, Notts	241,810

'£100,000 SALE' OF 2 PAGES

By ALISON BECKETT Art Sales Correspondent

TWO leaves of a 7th Century manuscrips, thought to be the earliest surviving piece of English writing of any kind, are to be sold at Sotheby's in London where they are expected to fetch up to £100,000.

The double page of vellum written on both sides in Latin with the words joined together has been consigned for auction on June 25 following its discovery in the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C.

It was spotted by a member of staff last year forming the binding of a Renaissance printed book, a fate suffered by many medieval manuscripts after Henry VIII closed the monasteries.

Appeal fund

The book, purchased in 1935, had lain in a box undisturbed ever since and as the library specialises in Elizabethan literature and Shakespeare in particular it was decided to sell the manuscript to aid their appeal fund.

The double leaf is page one and eight of a translation by Rufinus, an Irish monk, of the "Ecclesiastical History" by Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine who died in AD 340. This text was Bede's chief source and inspiration.

Sotheby's expert, Dr Christopher de Hamel, dates the manuscript stylistically to about 100 years earlier than Bede who completed his "Ecclesiastical History of the English People" in AD 731. Since the translation is thought to have been written in Northumbria it could be part of Bede's own copy.

£1,615 FOR WINE

Oriental pieces

A bottle of Chateau Mouton Rothschild 1946 was among the highlights of the opening of Christie's series of Geneva sales where it was auctioned for £1,615 among 430 lots of fine and rare wine which totalled £146,147.

The first day of Christie's sale of the contents of The Weir, Swainshill, Hereford, realised £149,199 with especially strong bidding for oriental pieces such as a pair of bronze models of carp from Japan which went for £2,200 and a minute Satsuma jar at £2,400.

BBC'S RATINGS DIP IN WAKE OF SNOOKER

By Our TV and Radio Correspondent

BBC Television's two channels claimed only a 43 per cent. share of total viewing for the week ending May 5 compared with 52·6 per cent. the previous week—a figure temporarily inflated by the huge audiences for the world snooker championship.

ITV's share was 57 per cent. to which Channel 4 contributed 7·2 per cent. and Granada Television the biggest audience of the week with 17,400,000 for the Wednesday episode of "Coronation Street."

The top ten were: 1. "Coronation Street" Wed. (Granada); 2, "Coronation Street" Mon; 3, "A Royal Celebration — 40 Years of Peace" (London Weekend); 4, "Minder" (Thames); 5, "Eurovision Song Contest 1985" (BBC-1); 6, "Emmerdale Farm" Tues (Yorkshire); 7, "Crossroads" Tues (Central); 8, "Crossroads" Wed; 9, "Emmerdale Farm" Thurs; 10, "Three Up, Two Down" (BBC-1) and "Dallas" (BBC-1).

Research by Audits of Great Britain for Broadcasters Audience Research Board.

YOUTH FESTIVAL ON MERSEYSIDE

By Our Churches Correspondent

Ten thousand young people from the North-west are to hold an open air festival, "Crossfire," at Camp Hill, Woolton, Liverpool, over Whitsun weekend, May 24-26.

This is a follow-up to Billy Graham's "Mission England Merseyside" last year. There will be nine music groups, including acts from BBC TV's award-winning Rock Gospel Show.

TODAY'S EVENTS

The Queen visits the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, to mark its Golden Jubilee, p.m.

Prince Philip, Master of Trinity House, attends the Annual Court, Church Service, and luncheon at Trinity House. 11.30: presents the 1985 Templeton Foundation prize for Progress in Religion, Buckingham Palace. 3.30: President of the Westminster Abbey Trust, chairs a Trustee meeting and attends a meeting of the Council at Westminster Abbey. 5 p.m.: Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend the Bob Hope Birthday Show at the Cambridge Theatre, in aid of the award. 8.15.

Prince of Wales attends the Dinner of The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar to be held in the Middle Temple Hall, Temple, evening.

Princess of Wales opens the new Performance Studio at Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, a.m.; visits Newham School for the Deaf, Tunmarsh Lane, p.m.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN and Prince Philip attend annual dinner of the Stipendiary Magistrates at Gray's Inn to mark their 25th Anniversary.

Prince Philip, chairs meeting of the National Federation of Housing Associations Inquiry into British Housing, Buckingham Palace, 10.30; Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, lunches with executives of the M & G Group of Unit Trusts at Three Quays, Tower Hill, 1; as Grand President of British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, chairs Commonwealth Council meeting, at Buckingham Palace, 5.

Princess of Wales attends reception given by London City Ballet at Skinners' Hall.

Princess Anne attends 150th Anniversary in London City Ballet at Hospital Medical School at Mortimer St., W.1.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.30; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace 10.15.

Museum of London: Hogroots exhibition opens. Peter Hammond, "Tower of London in Tudor Times," 1.10.

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WAY OF THE WORLD

Pym—and After

AT a hastily summoned Press conference, Mr Jeremy Cardhouse, the portable, easy-to-assemble, all-purpose Conservative MP for Norkington, gave his views on Mr Francis Pym's new group "Conservative Centre Forward."

"In principle," said the leader of the older-established Tories for Progress Group, "I am, with reservations, totally committed to the ideals of central, forward-looking Conservatism. But I shall have to take a much closer and at the same time more distant look at this new group before I throw or do not throw my hat or hats in the ring as the case may be. I may throw some of my hats in and not others—or, of course, vice versa," he explained.

"I have no personal ambition for high office. My sole concern, as always, is for what will most help the recovery both of my own and the nation's economy. I believe above all in the traditional middle ground, let us call it Disraeli's ideal of One Nation for One Person.

"It is there, if anywhere, I firmly take my stand," he added in a ringing voice, as his left and right feet, both already pointing backwards, seemed to change places in a way which defied the laws of nature, while his eyeballs revolved rapidly in opposite directions and a touch of his old trouble, muscular convolvulitis, threatened to tie him up in centre-forward-looking knots.

Well Done!

THERE is seldom anything to laugh at nowadays in the grimly earnest NEW STATESMAN, except in the competition section, and even that seems not what it was. However, an item headed "Unions Mock Ethnic Monitoring" caused a slight smile to appear on my normally impassive features.

"Ethnic monitoring of the workforce of one London borough," it says, "is running into severe difficulties because of strong opposition from manual workers' trade unions."

Last year Southwark Council voted to introduce "ethnic monitoring," as recommended by the Commission for Racial Equality, and produced an "implementation paper" which was put to the National Union of Public Employees and the General, Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union in the borough.

They rejected it, saying "this is a totally futile exercise and serves no one's interest." In place of it they presented the council with an alternative monitoring paper, with questions like, "If American Indian, please state your tribe: Apache/Blackfoot / Cheyenne / Sioux" and ending up "Who do you think works on your behalf without pay: Race advisors/Women's Equality Unit/Management/Your Shop Steward?"

"Despite the clearly racist nature of the questionnaire," groans the NEW STATESMAN, "the Council has confirmed . . . that it intends to use it as a basis for negotiations—a decision viewed with alarm in some quarters."

No need to ask what those quarters are.

Complex Variables

A LONDON magistrate refused to pay £140 from public funds for police expenses during four days of observation at a pub where illegal betting was taking place. The court was told that the undercover policemen spent the money on drinks and losing bets on horses. They were eventually allowed £50.

A "Way of the World" Alcoholic correspondent comments: Since we are not told how many policemen were concerned or what kind of drinks they consumed, it is difficult to say whether the magistrate's decision was reasonable.

If there were, say, 100 policemen in the pub, their consumption was moderate by any standards. Even if there were only two, and they were keeping watch throughout opening hours for four days, their intake was by no means excessive.

It would be interesting to know if they lost *all* their bets or occasionally won a few, losing only in the aggregate. We are in a controversial area here. But it seems possible that there may have been a correlation between their wins and losses and the amount of drink they were consuming at various times during what might be called a significant experiment in community policing.

A graph or table would be helpful. We know all too little of the complex factors involved. A crash programme of Government-funded research, by a team preferably headed by Dr John Alderson, Visiting Professor of Police Studies at Strathclyde University . . .

A Teasing Question

IN IDLE conversation I sometimes speculate whether there is a single profession or occupation in the world which is completely incorruptible, cannot in any circumstances be "bent."

"Could there possibly," I have confidently asked, "be a bent lifeboatman?" I was soon corrected. Shocking and far-fetched though the idea is, I'm afraid there could. Instead of rescuing those in peril on the sea a bent lifeboatman could knock them on the head, seize their valuables and let them drown, leaving no witness to his villainy except his bent fellow-lifeboatmen.

The same thing applies, I'm afraid, to firemen and others in heroic and dangerous occupations.

The other day a friend of mine thought he had hit on the answer to this teasing question at last. There could not, he maintained, be a bent kamikaze pilot. Triumph! Surely to be a bent suicide bomber is absolutely inconceivable?

But now I read of a Shi-ite suicide bomber captured by Israeli forces in Lebanon. He was not precisely "bent," merely more anxious, not unnaturally, for his own safety than for the success of his mission.

However, the principle of total incorruptibility has been breached. And in an even wilder flight of fancy it is conceivable, *in theory*, that there might have been a Japanese kamikaze pilot in the last war who, instead of immolating himself in a crash-dive on an American warship, skilfully landed unharmed at a convenient airstrip and sold his story to the newspapers.

So the question still awaits an answer.

Anniversary

"IN view of the prevalent obsession with anniversaries of all sorts it is odd that neither the Press nor TV have recalled the 40th anniversary of President Franklin Roosevelt's death in April 1945. After all he is the only foreign statesman with a statue in central London erected since the last war" (reader's letter in the London STANDARD).

Perhaps even the Press and TV think they should draw the line somewhere. What is odd is that the statue of this enemy of England and liquidator of the British Empire should have been allowed to remain in Central London.

One of my first acts as Lord Protector of England would be to order its ceremonial demolition. It is quite possible that many decent Americans as well as Englishmen would be there to raise a cheer.

Peter Simple

Obituary

David Waterston

By Our Medical Consultant

DAVID JAMES WATERSTON, who died on Sunday, aged 75, was one of the foremost British children's surgeons.

He was consultant surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, from 1951 to 1975, and operated on the Prince of Wales when he had appendicitis in childhood.

Mr Waterston was the son of the Professor of Anatomy at St Andrew's University. He qualified in medicine at Edinburgh University in 1933 and started his long association with Great Ormond Street Hospital as surgical registrar in 1934.

War service

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and served with distinction, being twice mentioned in despatches. He was made MBE in 1940, when he was a captain in a field ambulance.

He later served as a major surgical specialist with the 8th Army and subsequently was surgeon in a field hospital on the island of Vis, off the Yugoslav coast, when that country was occupied by the Germans.

After the war he resumed his career in paediatric surgery. He became consultant surgeon in Great Ormond Street, in 1951.

He was Hunterian Professor of Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons in 1961, in which year he was elected president of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons. He was made CBE in 1972.

University honours

He maintained his connection with the Royal Army Medical Corps, being consultant paediatric surgeon to the Army until 1975.

At the Hospital for Sick Children, his work was largely in the field of cardiac surgery, although he continued to be a general surgeon. On his retirement from hospital practice in 1975, he was appointed consultant surgeon emeritus to the hospital.

Mr. Waterston was honoured by the Universities of Genoa and Warsaw with honorary degrees. He was the author of works on paediatric and operative surgery and contributed articles to textbooks and medical journals.

ARTHUR STAMPA

Arthur Loraine Stampa, who has died aged 77, became the photographer on archaeological digs in Syria by the Oriental Institute of Chicago University. Later he was head of educational and children's films for J. Arthur Rank, attending international film congresses as the British delegate.

A son of G. L. Stampa, the PUNCH artist, he had a wide knowledge of late 19th and early 20th century art, and was also a short story writer. He served with the Royal Navy in the 1939-45 War.

Ferenc Molnar. At Walnut Creek, California, aged 88. Leading viola player, of Hungarian origin, principal violinist, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra 1944-63. Member of Roth string quartet, Paris, 1926-39, San Francisco string quartet 1959-54. As prisoner in Siberia during 1914-18 War, cheered fellow captives by playing violin carved from his wooden bunk.

Dr Mildred Scheel. At Bonn aged 53. Wife of Walter Scheel, President of West Germany, 1974-79, whom she married 1969. A doctor, she founded the German Cancer Aid charity and research organisation.

Diana, Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal. Aged 88. Widow of third baron whom she married 1922 and who died 1959. She was Diana Evelyn Loder, daughter of the first Lord Wakehurst.

Herbert Pack. In London, aged 65. Journalist, news editor of SUNDAY EXPRESS and former news editor DAILY SKETCH. Entered journalism with Kemsley Newspapers, served 1939-45 War, Royal Navy.

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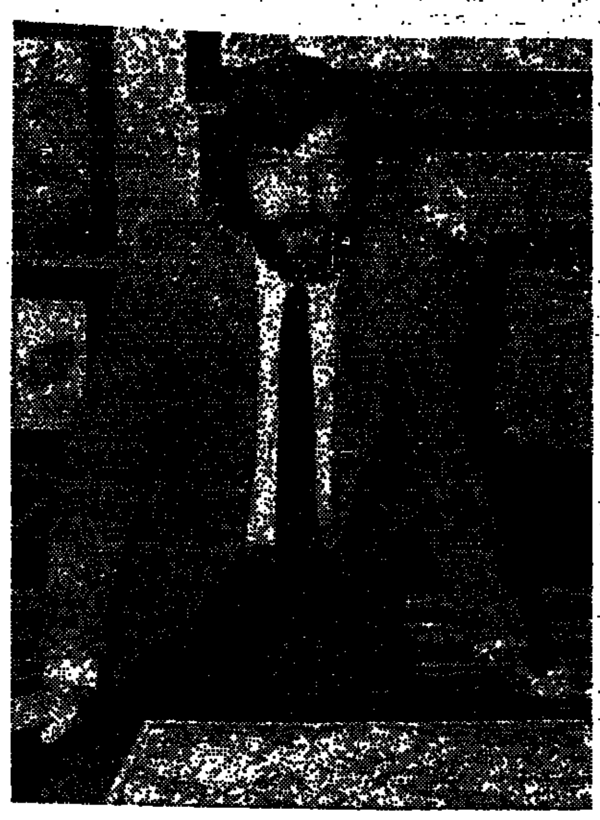
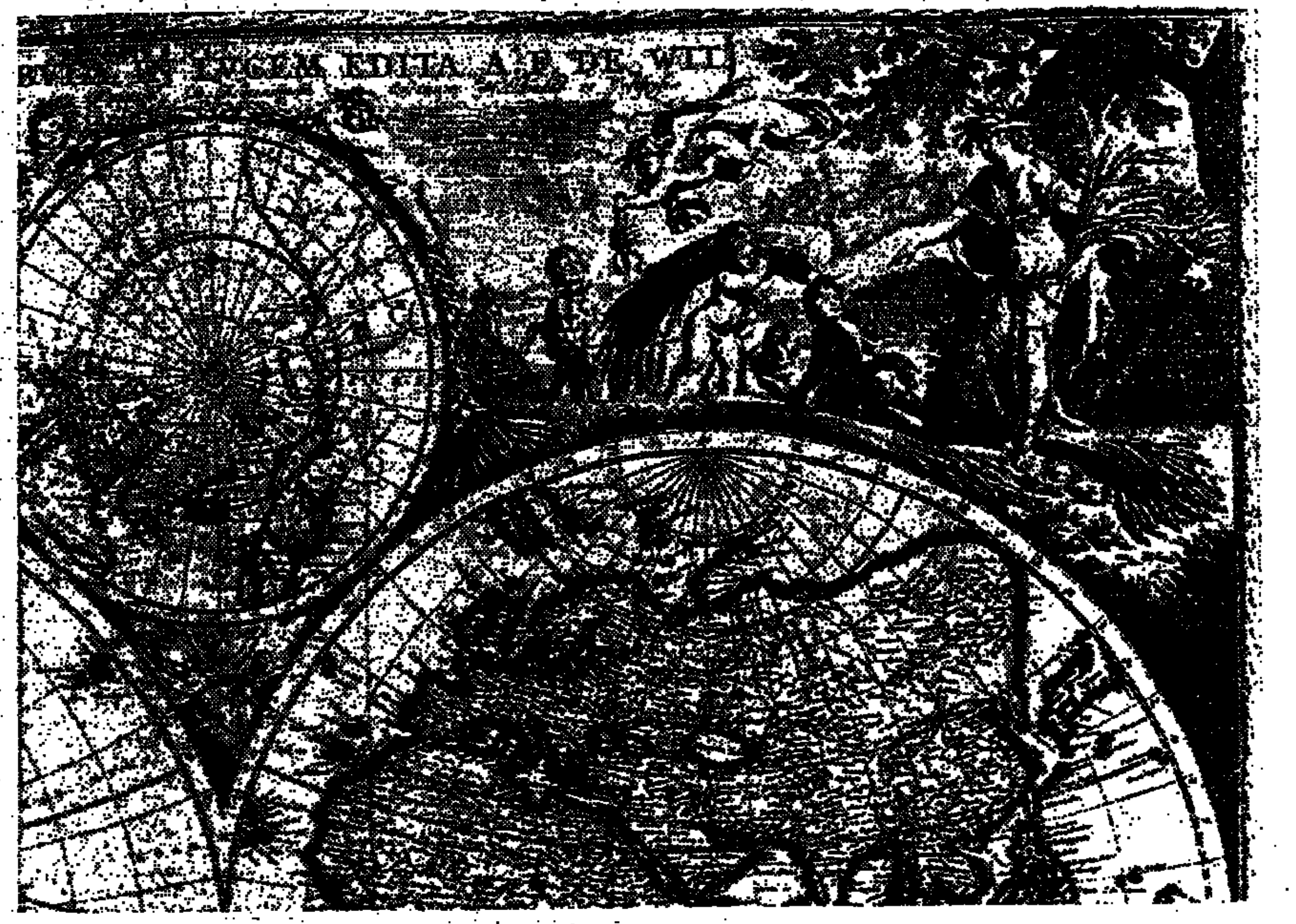
BY ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

● Below: Jonathan Potter surrounded by maps in his London shop. Right: detail from a map by Frederick de Wit, published in Amsterdam in 1680. This double-hemisphere map with its flamboyant decoration is typical of the period. Pictures by MICHAEL PATTISON.





CHARTING THE NEW INTEREST IN OLD MAPS

OLD MAPS are appealing to a new generation of amateur collectors who value them as much for their decorative qualities as anything else.

London dealer Jonathan Potter, who sells decorative and rare old maps from his Grafton Street shop, is pleased that the maps he first appreciated as a schoolboy are now drawing a larger audience.

Unlike the expensive jewellers and other purveyors of luxury items in the Bond Street area, his shop is the kind of place where the potentially-interested feel able to browse.

In fact, Jonathan Potter welcomes the new wave of collectors who could not learn how to pick out a good map from the rest without the chance to handle and look at the best.

"It's only in recent years that people have begun to appreciate that maps are very decorative and interesting things," he said. "Also they represent good value for money, as there are very few works of art that are so reasonably priced.

"They are close to stamps and books in appeal. Some people only like decorative maps but once they begin to look at the decoration, they begin to appreciate the finer detail."

People are much more inclined to buy a map which illustrates an area where they have lived or visited. Once they begin to be interested in maps and their associations, they become fascinated by the history of the area and the changing boundaries of towns and villages.

The feel and look of paper and print is something you only build up by looking at old maps and Jonathan Potter wishes more people would come into his shop to look and learn. A lot of shops dabble with maps as part of their general antiques stock but, because they often don't know the true value, quite ordinary maps can be over-priced.

The maps of Thomas Moule, circa 1840, are regarded as the last of the decorative series of county maps which came from guide books to the area and histories of the county or the geographical dictionaries which were popular at the time.

By the middle of the 19th-century, machine-printed maps began to appear, so the earlier and, to my mind, more interesting county maps are eagerly collected. Originally maps were printed in black and white.

"In a lot of cases publishers would have a map coloured for the purchaser. The painting of a map was a homespun business, a cottage industry with studios of perhaps half-a-dozen painters."

Americans love good quality decorative maps and 70 per cent or so of Mr Potter's business is with Americans. But we are beginning to catch up and maps may eventually join antiques and paintings as hedges against inflation.

Mr Potter has realistic views about maps as quick money makers: "Five years ago the trade was pushing maps as an investment and a lot of people spent money on them for this purpose," he commented.

"At the same time stamps were being projected as tremendous investments. The period of rapid inflation ceased and people tried to get their money back but it couldn't be done. It was a hyped-up market."

According to the knowledgable Mr Potter, some series of maps are underpriced. These, he said, would include the maps from Camden's Brittanica, published first in 1607. Seventeenth-century maps cost between £1,000 to £4,000. What else from the 16th-century can you find at that price to put on the wall?

The condition of old maps is generally very good, due to the fact that they often come from old atlases that have been broken up in the last 30 to 40 years. The map's natural enemies are sun and any long-term exposure to fluorescent light. Very fine items should be mounted on acid-free board.

If you want to admire the famous maps of the past, then The British Library, The Bodleian in Oxford and The National Maritime Museum at Greenwich all have fine collections.

Maps are generally thought of as expensive luxuries for rich collectors but this is far from the case. A large number are in the £15 to £70 price range.

For those who want to learn more about the subject and get an idea of prices, Jonathan Potter publishes a thick, glossy catalogue called "Fine, Decorative and Rare Old Maps" which costs £5 for callers to the shop: it is also available by mail from Jonathan Potter, 1 Grafton Street, London W1X 3LB.

COPIES THAT DO NOT FLATTER

"IMITATION: Fair or Foul?" is the subject of an intriguing exhibition which opens at The Design Centre in London tomorrow.

There is a staggering £60 billion pounds-worth of counterfeiting each year. British exporters face a serious problem with countering the passing-off of their inspired designs or ideas abroad, as international laws vary from country to country.

Some items are difficult to copy and that provides a degree of protection in itself. The Copyright Act gives the designer the power to stop others reproducing original work.

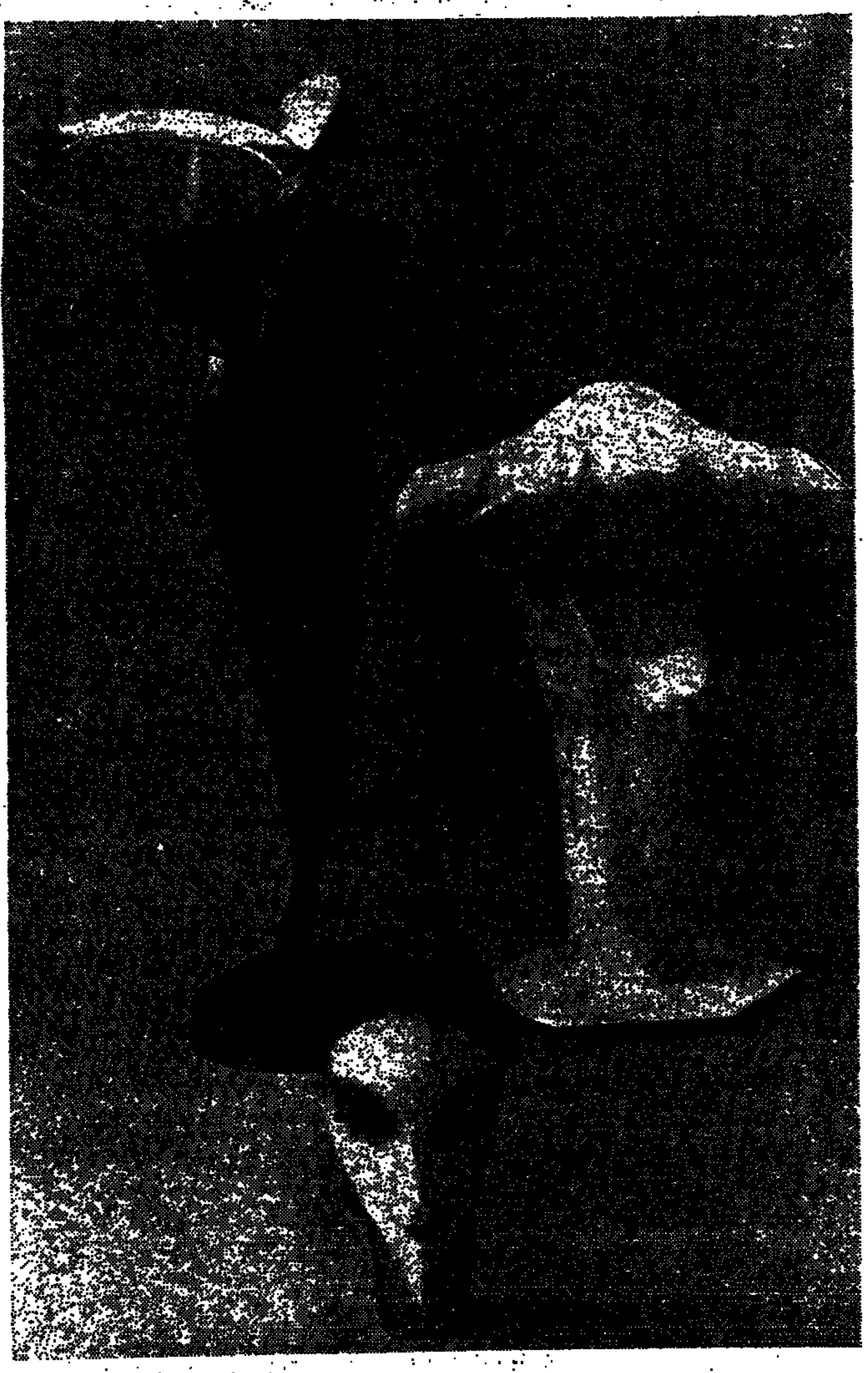
Design registration for a maximum period of 15 years is possible for all but functional products; trade marks and company symbols can be registered, too.

The "passing-off" law states that it is illegal to mislead or deceive both trade and consumer by offering a product that is similar in appearance or packaging to that of another manufacturer.

The Design Council is itself establishing a Design Protection Advisory Service to help manufacturers which will include providing access to legal expenses insurance, keeping a record of members' designs for possible use in evidence and providing practical advice on legal action.

Merseyside County Council's trading standards officers will be at the exhibition displaying some of the half-a-million pounds' worth of counterfeits they have seized in the past four years.

The exhibition will include examples of pirated copies of MK sockets, Sari Fabrics oven gloves which are widely copied in Hongkong and Taiwan, and Collier Campbell's textiles which, because of their popularity, are frequently imitated.



FIGURES OF FANTASY

LINDSEY BALKWILL makes elongated fantasy figures to display about the house. Her dream-like silhouettes made in crisp fibreglass or plaster have a distinctly Thirties look about them. Not surprisingly, Lindsey collects artefacts of that period.

She did a five-year graphics course before beginning experiments with clay.

"I was making things for myself," she recalled. "It was originally a hobby and I always started with a ball of clay to get the basic shape.

"Pottery is a complete mystery to me so our ceramics are made by someone else."

Lindsey's business started at home and moved into proper premises 18 months ago when she and her sister Valerie set up the company that bears her name, Lindsey B.

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● Pictured: fibreglass "Garcon" waiter, huge white fibreglass lamp and "Ming" head made of reinforced plaster, all by Lindsey B. The heads cost from £35 to £40 and large items such as the waiter, £400 to £450 at Last Detail, 341 King's Road, London SW3; Strangeways, Covent Garden, London, WC2.

DRAMATIC POTTERY

NICHOLAS HOMOKY'S pottery is in a class of its own. People respond strongly to his dramatic use of white porcelain, inlaid with black oxide pigments and the clever way he has of juxtaposing traditional forms, as can be seen by his two-tier teapot shown here.

A Hungarian who studied at the Bristol Polytechnic and the Royal College of Art, his work is included in many contemporary ceramic museum collections.

An exhibition of his work, which continues at the Craft Shop at The Victoria and Albert Museum until May 24, includes his flattened bottles, teapots, jars and bowls.

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MR GANDHI'S CRACKDOWN

THE WAVE OF RANDOM bombings in New Delhi and in adjoining states, which has caused perhaps a hundred deaths, has predictably led to a draconian crackdown by the Indian Government with the arrest of more than a thousand people. Yet Mr RAJIV GANDHI has had no other choice but to act firmly by calling out his police and army and imposing maximum security measures. He knows he is now facing his gravest Sikh crisis since his mother was assassinated six months ago. (Her alleged killers, incidentally, are about to stand trial.)

It is not difficult to grasp that the bombings are designed to destroy the country's fragile communal peace. The devilish boobytrap bombs in transistor radios are meant to terrorise. It is hoped apparently that this will create widespread civil disorder with the consequent backlash—Hindu mobs taking revenge on any one in a turban as happened, it will be recalled, after Mrs GANDHI's assassination. Such disorder, it would seem, would suit Sikh extremists determined to block Mr GANDHI's efforts to draw moderate Sikhs into talks for a settlement of the whole Punjab issue.

The Government seems likely to keep the situation under control. What, if anything, it can do about the political leadership of the Sikhs in the Punjab is another matter. Not all Sikhs are hellbent on revenge and terrorism despite the deaths and humiliations involved in the Army's storming of Amritsar's Golden Temple. But it is looking increasingly as if the Sikh Akali Dal political party has been taken over by militants. This may or may not be translated into votes, but it will certainly set back Mr GANDHI's efforts to capitalise on the relative calm of recent months and begin to get to grips with the problem. He may be India's least experienced Prime Minister but he must be well aware that events in the Punjab could deflect him from planned economic and other reforms. He has already offered unconditional talks and held out the possibility of concessions. But he must not flinch from smashing the terrorist campaign for an independent Sikh State.

A CASE FOR HOMEWORK

THE FORMATION OF Conservative Centre Forward, headed by the former Foreign Secretary Mr FRANCIS PYM, has brought the economic policy divisions in the Tory party to the fore again. There is nothing unhealthy about a policy debate, if that is all Mr PYM is really on about. Such debates are a sign that a party is alive and kicking, even if some of the participants have their own axes to grind. On this page today Mr PYM spells out his criticisms of Government policy. He attacks the Government's record on growth, employment and competitiveness; and he argues that the Government should increase industrial competitiveness by reducing employers' costs, increase public sector investment and develop an industrial strategy.

No one could accuse Mr PYM of an excessive regard for detail; many of his comments are in the nature of generalisations—some might call them platitudes. It might have been wiser to delegate the task to one of those in his group with more detailed economic knowledge. Among his specific proposals, Mr PYM calls for a less rigid attitude to borrowing. As there are no indications of any areas of retrenchment there will presumably be a substantial increase in public debt. The example of the United States is often cited: yet if the United Kingdom's borrowing is to be genuine borrowing as in America rather than printing money, the result is sure to be higher interest rates and a higher exchange rate. That is hardly good news for private sector jobs. Furthermore, it is hard to argue that Government borrowing is over restricted; leaving aside asset sales it is broadly on a par with that of the last Labour Government.

As for Mr PYM's other proposals, it may indeed be that a reduction in employers' national insurance contributions would have beneficial effects on the economy and create more jobs. However one would like stronger assurances that the reduction would lead to enhanced recruitment rather than higher wages. Mr PYM calls for more encouragement for industry to invest; yet this would make the cost of investment in machinery cheaper relative to the cost of recruitment—hardly the way to increase employment. What is more, the problem has been not a lack of investment, but a poor rate of return. It is not enough for Mr PYM to show generalised concern: if his group is to be credible, it must spell out the implications of its policy in more detail.

SUMMONS TO ATTEND

A THREE-LINE WHIP, as the late NIGEL BIRCH reminded his front bench 20-odd years ago on the night of the Profumo debate, is "a summons to attend." After a week in which two widely-supported but contentious Private Members' Bills fell victim to the opposition of a handful of M Ps, the wrath of the opponents of Sunday trading at the Government's decision to impose a three-line whip next Monday in support of the Auld Report (which called for the elimination of most of the present restraints on shop-opening hours) is no doubt understandable. But it is misplaced for all that. It is nonsense for the Liberal Whip to describe it as "a disgraceful attempt to make M Ps put party politics before their religious convictions," just as it is a little grotesque for Mr IVOR STANBROOK to talk of M Ps "risking their necks by voting against a three-line whip."

Had the Government chosen to offer a free vote, discretion would not, by modern convention, have extended to Ministers or Parliamentary Private Secretaries, who would have been expected to vote according to instructions. Back-benchers, by contrast, will not risk their necks or any other portions of their anatomies by voting in accordance with their convictions or their consciences. For them, the impact of the three-line whip is essentially the obligation to be present: the majority of back-benchers without strong feelings about a proposition treat a free vote as occasion for an evening off. But once the Government had made its mind up—whether to endorse or to reject the broad conclusions of the Auld Committee—it was entirely logical that it should then put out a three-line whip, as the prelude in the next session of Parliament to a Government Bill.

A Government Bill is needed if the Shops Acts are to be brought up to date because experience has shown that Private Members' legislation would inevitably founder on the alliance of the shop-workers' union and the sabbatarians. But it is also appropriate. For the relaxation of the permitted hours of shop opening—with appropriate safeguards—is an overdue step along the road to de-regulation to which the Government is committed. The existing restrictions are widely flouted, and notwithstanding the protestations of Usdaw to the contrary, de-regulation will create additional (albeit part-time) employment. It is time for Parliament to act.

FRANCIS PYM, founder of Conservative Centre Forward group, argues that there is no acceptable replacement Government, but while party aims are sound the approach has partly failed

Yes, Prime Minister, there are alternative Tory policies

ON Sunday, the formation of *Conservative Centre Forward* was announced: a group of back-bench Conservative M Ps. *Why has the group been formed, and what does it hope to achieve?*

The group's nature lies in its name. We are committed Conservatives, determined to ensure the continuance of the Conservative Government. We belong to the central tradition within the party, sharing the values of "One Nation" Conservatism that have guided it for generations. We are looking forward to the future of the country and of our Government. We want to make a positive contribution to the direction of both.

It follows that we are firm supporters of the Government's objectives and of much that it has achieved. We agree on the problems that faced the country in 1979. We agree that the immediate enemy was inflation. It had to be reduced drastically. We are proud that it has been. We agree on the need for greater economic freedom. We have supported the privatisation programme and trade union legislation. We have applauded the Government's firm moral support to industry and the extension of wider share ownership. We will continue to support all these things.

There are many other substantial areas of positive support, from the encouragement of home ownership, to the strengthening of the police, to the firmness of our foreign and defence policies. *Whenever the achievements on* these issues have been threatened—as they were during the miners' strike—we have stood firmly in defence of our Government.

Where we differ

That is the context in which our variances should be viewed. Differences always tend to be highlighted, but let us keep them in perspective, and not forget the things that unite us.

So what are the differences? They concern not the objectives, but the policies designed to meet them. In our opinion, many of them have not worked. We need to ask two questions. Are we satisfied that our policies are achieving their objectives? If not, *are we satisfied that we have fully* examined the alternatives?

The most pressing issues concern the economy's performance on growth, employment and competitiveness. The facts make sorry reading.

In the five years to 1984, the gross domestic product grew by only 3 *per cent in real terms.* Without North Sea oil, which is a diminishing asset, there would have been virtually no growth at all. Some regions grew, but only in southern England. Manufacturing output was 7 per cent, *lower than in 1979 and 6 per cent* lower than in 1974. Even allowing for the recession, it is hard to argue that this amounts to a successful recovery.

On employment, the figures are familiar. Despite recent job gains, unemployment has continued to rise. We came to power committed to reduce unemployment over time. *Yet it is now nearly* three times higher than in 1979.

British industry is no more competitive than in 1979. Productivity may have improved, but it has improved less than for many of our major competitors. In the name of competitiveness, we have endured the decimation of our industrial base, yet have emerged as uncompetitive as we started.

The facts speak for themselves. We do not blame the Government for everything, but the extent to which the policies have failed to match expectations is surely cause *enough to re-examine alternatives* with a more open mind. The Government's response has always been that there is no alternative. That response will no longer do. We believe there are three main areas of the economy where policies must be changed.

1. The Government should do more for industrial competitiveness. It should substantially reduce the employers' national insurance contributions. It should provide greater encouragement to investment. It should help to improve infrastructure *and communications.*
2. It should increase its investment in the public sector — in *housing, public utilities and* transport — and through this, through greater retraining and through a stronger regional policy, help directly to reduce unemployment.
3. The Government should intervene in those areas where its laissez-faire attitude has been most damaging. It should develop an industrial strategy. It should recognise the need for a partnership between itself, the unions and industry. It should develop a coherent policy towards the exchange rate.

Meanwhile, it should, of course, continue with its successful policies: the privatisation programme, the reform of trade union legislation, the encouragement of new businesses, the general stimulation of enterprise and much else.

Our policies are not a repetition of past mistakes. They are concerned with supply as much as with demand. However, *they require that the Government* should rewrite its medium-term financial strategy and adopt a less *rigid attitude to borrowing. It is* no longer convincing to say that such a step would rekindle inflation. We should remember that the American Government has borrowed hugely and has still achieved an inflation rate lower than Britain's.

Our views are not a minority opinion. They are broadly shared by many people active in the Conservative party; by a probable majority in the country; by most people in political life outside the Government; by an overwhelming majority of economists; by the CBI; by the senior management of *major British companies* like ICI and GEC; by the moderate leadership in the TUC; by the Secretary of the United States Treasury. The moral basis of these views is shared by almost all Church leaders.

That does not make the views right, but it means they should be heard with respect, and rebutted —*if they can be rebutted* — with cogent argument.

Conservative Centre Forward will try to convince the Government to adopt these policies. However, we are not just a pressure group on employment. Nor are we interested only in those areas where we disagree with the Government. We shall play a constructive part across the whole spectrum of issues, and we hope other Conservative MPs will join us.

What Britain expects

We are deeply concerned with the future of the Conservative party, and, considering the alternatives on offer, a continuance of the Conservative Government becomes even more imperative.

Labour is riddled with anti-democratic elements and saddled with policy commitments that would undo most of the good of the past six years. Within the Alliance, there are deep divisions and shortages of talent and experience.

And yet, with every new reminder of the failure of present policies, with every refusal to listen to other points of view, with every act of distance from the feelings of the British people, the Government is giving ammunition to our opponents.

The Conservative party is very loyal, and that is a great strength. It hesitates to criticise its leadership, especially when times are tough. In particular, the party quite rightly admires Margaret Thatcher for her courage and her determination to get things right again.

But good intentions are not enough. Brave words need effective action. And not all the action has been effective. The country expects the Government to modify some of its policies in response to mounting evidence that they are not working.

We accept that some will accuse us of disloyalty. That risk has to be taken. We do not feel disloyal. Rather, we feel that this is the right way for us to reflect widespread views in the party, and to be faithful to its best traditions.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

A select band of travellers

RIVALRY between travel-hungry members of Commons select committees has finally boiled over with Tory M Ps on the energy committee complaining that their Home Affairs colleagues are getting the lion's share of trips around the world.

M Ps have appealed to the powerful figure of Terence Higgins, chairman of the committee which liaises between all the select committees, to redress the balance. The final straw was a Home Affairs committee trip to Washington to investigate the drugs problem which followed another visit, this time to Bangladesh to review *immigration procedures.*

Indeed one member, who has not been abroad since last year, has been growling "'Home Affairs' is a misnomer. They're never here."

Title tattle

THE CHOICE of name for the new "wet" Parliamentary group disgruntled with Mrs Thatcher's policies for unemployment, "Conservative Centre Forward," is causing much merriment in one Government department.

Dr Rhodes Boyson, junior Northern Ireland Minister and a bewhiskered Thatcherite loyalist, actually coined *the phrase seven years ago when he* wrote his own personal political manifesto, also entitled "Centre Forward."

In fact so popular did it become that the expression crept into one or two of Mrs Thatcher's speeches. Perhaps, as our cartoonist suggested yesterday, they should have stuck to "Inside Left."

Memory lingers

PATRICK BUCHANAN, the controversial White House communications *director who* has taken much of the blame for President Reagan's Bitburg difficulties, reacted rather strangely when an interviewer asked him whether Reagan has begun to "lose his magic."

"The suggestion that the President is in serious trouble is grossly premature," he declared, adding that Reagan has had only one "indispensable" adviser over the years — his wife Nancy.

Buchanan then fuelled speculation over his future when he continued: "He relies very much upon her *judgment.* The rest of us are, by and large, interchangeable parts."

Inside knowledge

A SECTION of the recently published annual report of Acas was written with considerable feeling. It notes that the "increasing divergence" between the level of pay settlements *in the public and private sectors has* "led to growing dissatisfaction during the year."

The staff of Acas are all on standard Civil Service grades. They have been offered a rise of 4-9 per cent this year — against a going rate of around eight per cent in the private sector.

On a low note

ANDRE PREVIN was put out the other day when his friend Vladimir Ashkenazy, *for whom he has composed* his first piano concerto, played the whole half-hour piece from memory barely a month since he had first seen it.

Previn, the new music director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, had intended that the concerto be given its first London performance by Ashkenazy at the Festival Hall next month to open a two-week musical festival. It was written as a spectacular virtuoso piece which Previn had considered quite difficult to master.

Indeed, during its composition, he had been frequently reminded of a conversation with Sir William Walton when the great English composer explained why he had written concertos for violin, viola and cello but never for piano. "My dear fellow," he said to Previn: "Too many notes."

Made in England

BRITISH BATONS are undeniably the best according to Myung-Whun Chung, the 32-year-old Korean musician who will be conducting the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican in the first of three concerts on Thursday.

He tells me that during the past month he has broken nine batons, most of them while conducting the Israel Philharmonic. Now he is "*stocking up*" on batons for future onslaughts against recalcitrant foreign orchestras.

The rules of the Dorchester and District Ladies Darts League for 1984/5 displayed in pubs in the area state "Landladies . . . must not play and serve customers at the same time."

Sale of the century

CONSIDERABLE excitement surrounds the sale at Christie's on Thursday of 55 vintages between 1920 and 1982 from Château Haut-Brion, France's oldest wine estate and probably the most senior of the *premier crus de Bordeaux.*

The sale, which is expected to attract some record prices, is described by the organisers as a "never to be repeated occasion" and is to mark the 50th anniversary of the *acquisition of Haut-Brion* by Clarence Dillon, the patriarch of the American Dillon banking family.

Last night a special dinner was held at Brook's Club for 40 of Britain's most respected wine experts to commemorate the anniversary. It *was hosted by the Duchesse de* Mouchy, Clarence Dillon's granddaughter and now president of Haut-Brion.

Among the wines served with the meal was the magnificent 1961 vintage, a case of which, on Thursday, is expected to make between £1,800 and £2,500.

"Can we design a new Pope-mobile . . . ?"

Eating their greens

THE STIFF UPPER LIP displayed by the Channel Islanders in the face of food shortages during the German occupation was partly the result, I can now disclose, of a secret ingredient — the local seaweed.

Carrageen *algae, which grows* plentifully around the island's coasts, was harvested in great quantities after a local naturalist had tipped off *the authorities to its excellent nutri*tional value. To the delight of the islanders, the seaweed also proved to be a good setting agent for soups, *jellies and the occasional rabbit meat* mould.

No Eiffel tour

A READER recently attending an American touring convention at the Andalucia Plaza Hotel in Marbella spotted a notice which, he promises, said: "Paris has been cancelled through lack of interest."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SCHOOL USE OF CALCULATORS

From Prof. PETER FELLGETT

SIR—Past form suggests that the discussion document on the teaching of Mathematics recently issued by the Schools Inspectorate, and which I have yet to read, will be a sane and reasoned document.

Unfortunately it has already given rise to comment which betrays basic misunderstanding.

As one who advocated electronic computers in the late 1940s, and who not so long ago found himself having to argue for routine use of calculators in examinations, I now find myself appalled by the false mystique which has built up around calculators, microprocessors and computers.

Learning to operate the buttons of a mini-computer is no more "information technology" than boarding a charter flight is aeronautical engineering. Learning the motions of loading and running a routine program no more ensures education and employment than learning to fasten a seat belt is a qualification *for being an airline pilot. This is not,* of course, to deny that there may be some use in teaching children to fasten a seat belt, provided the exercise is kept in perspective.

Calculators and computers are in fact useful in the same sense as pencil and paper; namely for what one does with them. They may indeed replace tables and logarithms, but in no way can they replace understanding of logarithms themselves nor of long division.

Logarithms are useful for many other purposes than as an aid to multiplication; for example the extremely practical problem of how long it takes for the value of money to halve at the present rate of inflation requires logarithms, either implicity or explicity. Similarly, those pupils who will go on to do *algebra will require understanding* of long division, if only to provide a means of factorising algebraic expressions other than "by inspection," and it is surely helpful to have had some experience of numerical long division (which can be performed on the calculator itself).

Finally, many calculators employ the so-called "algebraic notation" which means that the pupil has only limited direct control of the calculation and must rely on a set of priority rules which need to be memorised, and moreover which unfortunately are not the same from one calculator to another.

If one sets aside both advertising claims and the effects of personal familiarity, Reverse Polish is both easier *to use and more educational.* Subject to depth of stack, any calculation (and not just those that can be written in a single line) can be performed either *by rote or by insight,* and the user has full control at every stage with no arbitrary rules to memorise.

The educational value of calculators and computers, which is to say their ability to stimulate and not replace thought and understanding, is critically dependent on good programming languages; and many of those in widespread use are unfortunately educationally and practically unsatisfactory.

PETER FELLGETT
University of Reading.

Lords voting and Tory manifesto pledge

From Lord MONSON

SIR—Your disapproval of any significant tampering by the Lords with the Local Government Bill rests on the view that "*regardless of the merits of this legislation* (my italics) it does fulfil a manifesto pledge, and it has consumed much Parliamentary time and Ministerial prestige and effort."

With respect, this comes dangerously close to suggesting that imperfect *legislation is a lesser evil than a* dented Ministerial reputation, and that election manifestos have the status of Holy Writ.

In fact it is most unlikely that an impartial observer would deem the modest (albeit thoroughly worthwhile) amendments made so far to the Bill to be incompatible with Conservative manifesto pledges. But even were he to judge otherwise, would the Lords really have *acted improperly? As an* eminent jurist and former Conservative Solicitor-General has written:

> Reliance on the doctrine of the mandate based on the contents of an election manifesto embodies a political fiction, in that it treats the election of a Parliamentary candidate as if it were an affirmative answer *to a referendum on* each of the several items contained in the party manifesto . . . the true constitutional principle is that a government is under a duty to promote before Parliament each such several item, and to justify its implementation in *each* House in Parliamentary discussion.

MONSON
House of Lords.

War widows who live in poverty

SIR—What a meal your reporter made of the discovery that there are two War Widows Associations! One would think we would have indulged in physical combat had we come face to face at the Cenotaph on VE-Day.

I would point out that more than half the widows who were with me are members of both Associations and, as far as I am concerned, had we known the other Association would be going to the Cenotaph, we would have joined in placing our respective crosses at the same time.

I was a founder/life member of the other group and part of its driving force for many years. A rift did occur which was very hurtful. We set up the original Association as a strong pressure group to fight the great wrongs suffered by our country's war widows.

When its work became suppressed *and it became little more than a social* group we tried to reverse the situation. We failed, and I was asked by many members to take up the fight again by setting up a new group.

It was a painful decision but we have made great progress since, having *gained the support of many Members* of Parliament from all parties and the interest of the media nation-wide. We have never done anything undignified, nor do we slander or libel the other group. We ask only to be left to continue the hard work we formerly did under their title in order to obtain justice for World War widows in this country.

Most of us have lived in great poverty since our bereavement and we are paid less than half the pay made to today's Service widows, a distinction not made in other countries and one which Mrs Thatcher promised to remove when she came to office.

There are now so few of us left that it would cost very little for Mrs Thatcher to keep that promise before it is too late, a cost far below the value of the 40 years of peace enjoyed by everyone and won so dearly at our expense.

IRIS STRANGE
Hon. President/Sec.,
British War Widows and Associates.
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Tory tradition

SIR—The great and true Tory tradition traces back to origins uncompromisingly in defence of the faith and a wholly Christian constitution.

Present-day Conservatives, taking their stance regarding the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill and the three-line Whip on the Sunday Trading debate, might consider the warning uttered by the Bengali writer and scholar, Nirad Chaudhuri, on BBC Television's "Everyman" in 1983. It is so appropriate.

He says: "Once a country has lost contact with its religious and moral roots, nothing in the end can save it."

Libertarian values allied to liberal economics compound everything that is harmful.

This is that hour for Christian Conservatives to rise and challenge those who betray our heritage or allow it to suffer further erosion.

JOHN LOCKYER
Barkingside, Essex.

Dedicated care

SIR—In none of the reports of the beautiful Service of Reconciliation and Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey was there any mention of the representatives of the medical services who attended.

Most of the ex-servicemen and women there must have felt gratitude for the care they received when maimed or ill from the dedicated nurses and doctors of the Services they *belonged to, and the feeling of relief* and security when they saw their uniforms.

Perhaps a tribute to these men and women will be highlighted on the 40th anniversary of V.J.Day in recognition of their work in sometimes appalling *conditions.*

Many died on active service during the 1939-45 War.

DOROTHY LEWES
Chairman, VAD(RN) Assn.
Hove, Sussex.

Unready for the road

SIR—Mr William Hunt (May 8), will, I fear, have to resign himself to the fact that there is no means of devising a test directed towards eliminating unsafe drivers. Any such test or tests would be extremely costly and cumbersome to administer, and in any case would achieve nothing.

When, many years ago, I passed the test of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (as it then was), the ex-police driving school instructor who "took" me made a comment at the *conclusion* of the test which profoundly impressed me.

"Always remember," he said, "that this has shown only that you can drive well. Your record will show whether or not you *do* drive well."

How can any test show whether people do drive sensibly habitually? Only the severe punishment of offenders can achieve this objective. Even a heavy *fine is no more than a slap on the* wrist, and exceeding the allowance under the points system leads only to brief disqualification.

Disqualification for significantly longer periods, with disqualification for life as an ever-present possibility, plus prison sentences properly imposed, constitute the sole answer, if, indeed, there is an answer. Follow-up tests would be ineffective and a waste of time.

France and Spain are attempting to reduce the accident rate among new drivers by imposing speed restrictions for one or two years; though this is a step in the right direction there are obvious difficulties in its enforcement.

The fault, Sir, lies not in our legislators but in ourselves under the existing regulations.

GEORGE GRIGG
Llandysul, Dyfed.

Slug destruction

SIR—May I please thank Mrs Olive J. Simkin (*May* 4) for her advice on slug destruction? I have started to save my pension to buy a supply of local beer for my persecutors though I fear its low gravity will only serve to infuriate them.

Meanwhile, I am following Mr C. M. C. Albrecht's plan (April 13) but, with discouraging results. I sent out "a small boy to provide frogspawn" but the slugs disposed of the spawn at a slurp and then made short work of the small boy.

JOHN R. BRADBURY
Hatton, Cheshire.

Massive action

SIR—When all the posturing is over, looked, there is no doubt that leaders of trade unions, party politicians, and the public are equally concerned about unemployment. There are three main areas where dramatic effects could be expected, if those who can influence the masses, gave it serious study.

First is the home market. Over the last 50 years we have lost whole industries. Motor cycles, washing machines and refrigerators, a large part of our motor industry, a large part of our steel trade, almost all of our machine tool industry and so on. It *happens* that we are prone to denigrate ourselves, and it is fashionable to buy foreign products.

There is no virtue in speculating what caused all this, but while some politicians are flirting with "protectionism" though they know that will do nothing for either costs or quality.

If we took a leaf out of the Japanese book, and if the leaders of trade unions were to explain how every purchase *abroad is the loss of a British job,* there would be a turn-round of greater magnitude than any politician could achieve.

It would then be up to the customer to agitate for the right price, and the right quality.

Next, whenever there is a wage settlement above the norm the trade union leader concerned may pat himself on the back for doing the best for his members. Everybody should remember this, too, *does* a man *out of work.*

Finally, overmanning. This is a blight on the whole scene. The memory is still fresh in our minds of the trauma which steel had to face. Over the last 30 years some areas of the steel industry have been grossly overmanned. Eventually this has to be faced.

I believe that a collection of the like-minded could quite quickly make good progress.

A. L. STUCHBERY
Littlestone-on-Sea, Kent.

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Losses of Lloyd's syndicates £130m 'and may get worse'

By MICHAEL BECKET City Staff

LOSSES of at least £130 million have been suffered by a group of Lloyd's insurance syndicates which had been run by PCW Underwriting, members were told yesterday.

Richard Beckett Underwriting Agencies, which has been trying to sort out the syndicates' problems following fraud by previous managers, said: "The position could still deteriorate."

The figures have already taken a sharp plunge for the worse and each addition produces a bigger loss.

Last year RBUA found about £40 million of losses (for the 1981 underwriting year which was then being totalled).

Then recently RBUA found £60 million of losses for 1982, which has now grown to £62 million. And even these figures are on the assumption that payment will be over a number of years so the invested premium will earn dividends to offset the costs.

Now a minimum of £17 million of losses have been found for the 1983 and 1984 years which have yet to be fully calculated. But claims are still coming in from America and could well swell the total.

Atmosphere tense

A meeting yesterday at the Royal Festival Hall was attended by some 600 of the 500 membership. The atmosphere was "tense" said Mr Graham White, managing director of RBUA.

It is already clear, said Mr White, that substantial number of members will be unable to meet their share of the losses. "We've had some heartrending letters with several people asking what are the technicalities of bankruptcy?"

The average demand could be for members to send in a cheque for £25,000 and several people will have to put up £500,000. Some members like Mr Adnan Khashoggi, Saudi arms dealer and financier, the Duchess of Kent and Mr Peter Miller, Lloyd's chairman, will be able to meet their obligations, but a large number have no resources large enough.

The recently formed steering group under the chairmanship of Lord Goodman has hired solicitors and put in accountants Price Waterhouse to investigate the syndicates' finances. Lord Goodman said yesterday that he hopes the committee would be able to give members advice next week on what action to take.

Mr White admitted RBUA was "in the firing line" if anyone wanted to sue. But "litigation would take years and so does not produce instant cash." Yet immediate money is what members need.

"I deplore what has happened," he added, and pointed out: "It needs constructive co-operation by a number of people to rescue members." But Minet Holdings, parent company of the syndicate management, has refused to organise a loan scheme to tide members over as "impracticable".

'Relax rules' move

Mr White will try to persuade the trade department to relax its auditing rules and let members pay claims as they arise rather than force them to put up contingency capital immediately. Even on that basis the syndicates would need at least £8 million a year.

He is also asking for "urgent discussions" with Lloyd's to allow members to continue underwriting and so earn some money to pay for the losses.

The committee yesterday raised a fighting fund of £1,200,000 with a provision for a further £2 million if needed. This will be to contest any of the claims made against members.

They also resolved not to pay the claims for at least 60 days after receiving the rice Waterhouse report and the audited accounts of all th syndicates.

Unlimited liability

If a member of Lloyd's cannot meet his losses, he first forfeits his deposit used as security for the underwriting. If that still does not cover and he has no further assets the central fund (currently approaching £20 million) ensures policyholders are paid.

But then the corporation of Lloyd's pursues the member, who has unlimited personal liability, to recover the costs. In theory it could force him into bankruptcy and take evrything that strict.

Mr White said he had stressed to the meeting that "we would do everything we could to help" and he hopes to find a way of paying claims as they arise.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at Liverpool Street Station yesterday. With her is Mr Keith Watson, acting area manager.

Royal naming for new loco

By JOHN PETTY
Transport Correspondent

THE Queen Mother went home with model trains named William, Harry, Peter and Zara — one for each of her great-grandchildren — after naming a locomotive at Liverpool Street station yesterday to mark the start of electric services to Ipswich.

Loco No. 86246, was named The Royal Anglian Regiment. The Queen Mother is colonel-in-chief of the regiment, which is celebrating its tricentenary.

Its second battalion, based at Colchester, provided a 79-strong guard of honour, as the first main-line electric loco on Eastern Region was given a name.

British Rail had five miniature replicas of the loco made by Hornby, four with individual name-plates for each of the royal children and the fifth for the regimental trophy collection.

Electrification across East Anglia is to cost £58 million and the start of services to Ipswich is the first part of a three-stage development to be completed in two years' time.

Degree row looms over Reagan

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

PRESIDENT REAGAN is in danger of being sucked into an academic controversy remarkably similar to the row over Oxford University's decision earlier this year not to award an honorary degree to Mrs Thatcher.

As Harvard University prepares to celebrate its 350th anniversary next year, the question has arisen of whether the celebrations might include the presentation to Mr Reagan of an honorary doctorate. The suggestion has provoked a sharp response among liberal-minded Harvard dons.

Several professors are reported to be arguing that the anniversary celebrations should be honouring academic excellence and that Mr Reagan's achievements are political and not intellectual.

Although both White House officials and university administrators are playing down the honorary degree question, a few eminent dons have already gone on the record as condemning Mr Reagan.

'Would not listen'

Prof. George Wald, the Nobel prize-winning Harvard biologist, said bluntly this week: "This president appals me."

If Mr Reagan spoke at Harvard during the anniversary celebrations, Prof. Wald said, he would not stay to listen.

But other dons are arguing that a degree would honour the presidential office and not the man.

There also appear to be historical precedents for conferring Harvard degrees on presidents, although at least one, Present Cleveland, refused to accept an honorary doctorate of laws in 1886, on the grounds that he was unworthy.

COURT ACTION ON STUDENTS

By MARGOT NORMAN
Education Staff

YORK students' union voted yesterday to intensify its policy of "no platform for racists and fascists" rather than drop it in the face of legal action by the University.

The University will now go ahead with a High Court action to overturn the policy.

Ever since the Conservative MP, Mr John Carlisle (Luton N), was prevented from addressing Conservative students about South Africa on the campus last year, the university authorities have been trying to persuade the union to change its "no platform" policy by threatening court action.

Occupation threat

But yesterday at an extraordinary general meeting of the union a motion to drop the policy was defeated. Instead, a substantial majority of the 250 present voted to "prevent (by picketing or any other method) any racist from speaking on the campus."

They also agreed to occupy parts of the university buildings if the court ruled against them and any students are disciplined for enforcing the ban.

The "no platform" policy, which has been commonplace in colleges since the late 1970s, has on several occasions been used to exclude Right-wing Conservatives from speaking engagements.

The National Union of Students also operates a national "no platform" policy, but a spokesman emphasised yesterday that it explicitly excludes only self-declared racists and fascists. That would not cover any Conservative MPs.

LIVINGSTONE ENDORSEMENT URGED

The Labour party ruling body, the National Executive Committee, is being urged to ratify the nomination of Mr Kenneth Livingstone, left-wing leader of the Greater London Council, as official Labour candidate for Brent East at the next election.

A meeting of the party's organisation sub-committee agreed that his selection had been completely within the rules and recommended his endorsement.

Mr Reg Freeson, the sitting member, has issued writs against the party leadership and he could still win an injunction to prevent the endorsement.

Teachers walk out over boy who gave master a black eye

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

TEACHERS at an inner London comprehensive who claim their school is in the grip of a wave of pupil violence walked out yesterday and refused to teach a 14-year-old boy whom they want expelled.

The boy had attacked a senior housemaster, giving him a black eye.

The walk-out was at the Geoffrey Chaucer school, a comprehensive near the Elephant and Castle

The boy was suspended by the headmaster Mr Michael Read, who recommended to the governors that he be expelled.

But the governors decided to reinstate him, and his reeturn to school yesterday sparked the rebellion by all 14 members of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

About 200 pupils were sent home, and the school's NAS/UWT representative, Mr Peter Vaughan, said the situation was "rapidly developing into quite a crisis."

"The union has formally instructed Mr Vaughan and his colleagues not to teach the boy.

Ban on letter

Members of the National Union of Teachers are not at present joining the walk-out.

All the staff at the school, however, backed a letter to parents appealing for help in stamping out violence. The headmaster, after taking advice from the Inner London Education Authority, forbade the staff to send out the letter.

The ILEA has offered to appoint a supply teacher as a "minder" for the boy, but the NAS/UWT believes that would simply give him more kudos with other pupils.

The headmaster, himself an NAS/UWT member, said "The boy was tried by a due process of the local authority, and if staff think the decision was wrong I would expect them to deal with the governing body or the authority, not to take this action immediately."

HOTEL FIRE

Guests and staff evacuated the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel, Bracknell, Berkshire, last night when fire swept through the reception and administration area. No one was hurt.

WOMAN MAY BE APPEAL JUDGE

By Our Legal Correspondent

THE first woman Court of Appeal judge could be appointed soon when three vacancies in the court are filled by the Prime Minister on the recommendation of Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor.

Strongly tipped among barristers for early promotion to the Court of Appeal is Dame Margaret Booth, 51, a judge of the Family Division since 1979.

For two and a half years she has been heading, at Lord Hailsham's request, an inquiry into High Court and county court procedure in matrimonial cases. Her committee's final report is expected shortly.

Further promotion

The only two other women judges on the High Court bench are also both in the Family Division. One is Dame Rose Heilbron who was appointed in 1974 but at 70 could find that her age weighs against further promotion.

The other is Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, 51, who was made a High Court judge in 1979 shortly after Mrs Justice Booth. She is the sister of the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, Q.C.

NOSTALGIC VISIT

Lord Lane's 'Stint'

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, paid a nostalgic visit to Shrewsbury yesterday, where, at his own request, he began a week's "stint" to hear what court officials describe "as run of the mill" cases at the town's Crown Court.

It was his Lordship's way of seeing how justice was meted out at a level far lower than the Court of Appeal, where he normally sits, and a chance to observe young barristers.

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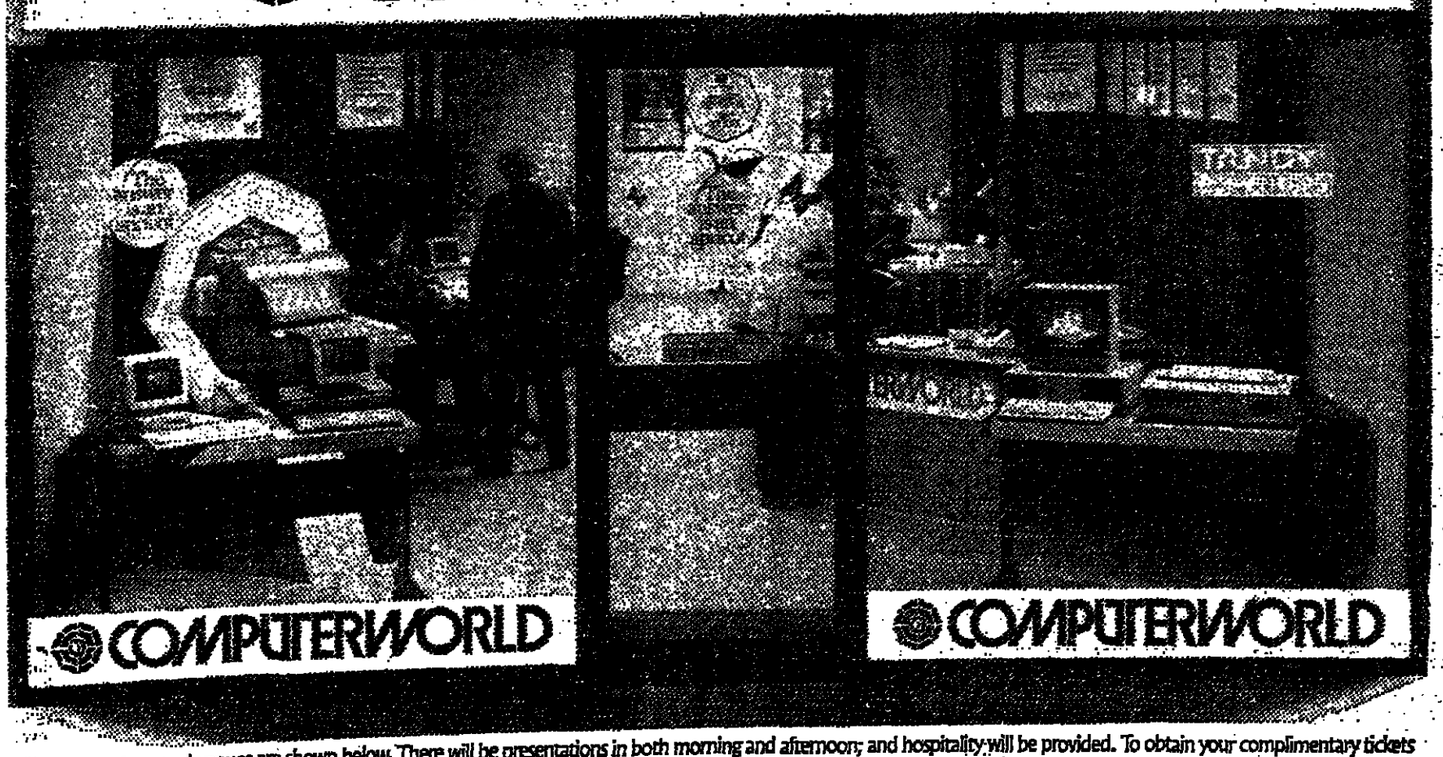

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Leaders bound ahead

ACCOUNT: May 13-May 31.
PAY DAY: June 10.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 27,877.
RISES: 790. FALLS: 214.
UNCHANGED: 729.
EQUITY TURNOVER (May 10): Number of bargains 27,246; value £514·45 million. Shares traded: 229·7 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, May 13, 1985

	Index	Change	1985 High	1985 Low
Indust. Ord.	1016·9	−15·0	1024·5	928·7
Govt. Secs.	80·61	+0·31	82·0	78·02
Gold Mines	497·1	+3·2	536·9	439·5
Fixed Int.	85·62	+0·15	86·19	82·17
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·50	−0·06	5·29	4·22
Earn Yld p.c.	11·28	−0·17	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1333·0	+17·2	1333·0	1206·1

STOCK markets made a buoyant start to the three-week trading account yesterday as the prospect of cash left over from the near five times over subscribed £550 million British Aerospace share sale enlivened both equities and gilt-edged stocks. Sentiment was also helped by a firmer showing of sterling. This, coupled with the prediction from Lloyds Bank of a fall in base rates gave rise for some guarded optimism for cheaper money trends soon.

Leading industrial shares were marked sharply higher in active trading while the strength of the pound also helped gilt-edged securities to go firmer. Demand was such that the Government broker was able to sell the remaining tranche of the **Exchequer 10¼ p.c., 1995** "taplet" at £95¼ and a small amount of the **Exchequer 12½ p.c., 1990.**

There was also sizeable investment activity in a number of potential takeover and special situation stocks. Attention was particularly focused on **Burmah Oil** which jumped 42 to 300p on the news that *Heron Corporation* has made an approach. **Debenhams**, another recent takeover favourite, were again wanted and rose 10 to 328p following the reports that the existing management is ready to fight off any hostile bid approach through a £600 million management buy-out.

The strength of the market was reflected in the main indices. The "30" index was able to consolidate its position above the 1,000 mark with a rise of 15 points to close at 1,016·9—7·6 points below its high of 1,024·5 reached on January 22. The wider-based "100" index finished the session up 17·2 to 1,333—another peak.

Following the success of the **British Aerospace** issue the existing shares in the company put on 10 to 428p, after touching 436p. Dealers felt this assures a premium of around 50p when dealings in the new shares start today.

There was also a fair amount of interest in **British Telecom**, the Government's previous new issue success, and the shares hit another peak of 164½p up 6½. This was on Press comment on the group's 51 p.c. stake in Mitel, the Canadian electronics concern. Mitel closed 10 off at 600p, after 575p.

Dealings in British Telecom were being transacted on an "immediate settlement" basis ahead of the next call on the shares due June 24.

Elsewhere, in the blue chips, **B T R** and **Beechams** illustrated the general trend with 14 rises to 744p and 377p respectively while **Pilkington** were a firm market, in front of their final figures due next month, and rose 13 to 293p. Dealers were pleased with the interim profits statement and dividend increase from another major **B O C Group**, and lifted the shares 7 to 291p.

Buyers came for **Grand Metropolitan**, whose interim results are due tomorrow, and the shares advanced 13 to 308p while interest was stimulated in **Lucas Industries**, up 11 to 281p, and **Hanson Trust**, 9 firmer at 251p. **Trusthouse Forte** were wanted and put on 7 to 155p while **Glaxo** were £¼ better at £12 following the Tanabe joint venture details.

The final tone in the gilt-edged market was quite strong and the printed lists showed gains extending to £⅝. **Treasury 11½ p.c., 2001-04** was this sum better at £105⅞. *Dealers* also reported a fair amount of business in the index-linked stocks and the **Treasury 2 p.c., I L 1988** stock rose £¾ to £111½.

Solid investment support was again directed into banking issues. **Barclays** were 12 up at 394p, there were 9 rises for both **Lloyds** at 603p and **National Westminster** at 673p while the **Midland** firmed 4 to 363p. Discount houses, helped by sterling's performance, went better under the lead of **Union Discount** which were 15 to the good at 705p. Revived takeover speculation lifted **Hill Samuel** 17 to 292p.

In insurance brokers, **C.E. Heath** jumped 26p to 583p and **Hogg Robinson** advanced 16p to 296p awaiting the terms of the proposed merger while **Willis Faber** were a good market and rose 25p to 667p. Composite insurance issues were also wanted. **Guardian Royal Exchange** ended 14p better to 608p, ex-dividend, in front of the quarterly figures due today, while the **Prudential** advanced 10p to 677p.

Vague takeover talk prompted activity in cider maker **H P Bulmer** 10p higher at 142p, while other brewing issues to improve were **Bass**, 9p up at 552p, and **Guinness**, *8p to the good at 278p*. The building sector was a particularly active market. **Blue Circle** improved 10p to 548p, there was solid demand for **Tarmac**, 14p higher at 550p, ex-dividend, while speculators were nibbling at **Higgs and Hill** which advanced 14p to 357p.

Ibstock Johnson were 11p better at 164p, ex the *one-for-one scrip* issue, but a £20 million rights issue from **C H Beazer** left their shares 4p off at 400p. Weekend Press comment helped **Sheffield Brick** *jump 8p to 21p, buyers were* evident in **Travis and Arnold**. 10p higher at 262p, while **John Carr** were a firm market and put on 7p to 88p awaiting merger news.

Property *shares* did well. **Land Securities** advanced 5p to 309p in front of their figures due today. **London and Provincial Shop Centres** were 16p to the good at *504p, while* **Stock Conversion**, where Stockley has a large holding, rose 10p to 505p.

Engineering stocks made headway under the lead of **G K N** up 8p *to 240p*. **Spear & Jackson** advanced 7p to 141p ahead of their full year figures today, while **Metal Closures** jumped 12p to 156p.

In electricals, talk of a possible bid for **Telerentals** put them 26p higher at 225p, ex-dividend. There was support for **International Signal**, 8p firmer at 325p, while buyers came for **Thorn E M I**, up 6p to 440p, and **Racal**, a similar sum higher at 188p.

Elsewhere in the market, **Pentland Industries** were again active and rose a further 45p to 948p, ex-dividend, on the proposals for the planned American float-off of its Reebok shoe subsidiary. Good results from **Dataserv** brought a rise of 14p to 150p, after 155p, while a satisfactory set of figures from **Readicut International** enabled the shares to move 5½p higher at 32½p.

Gold shares were a firm market in line with the bullion price which rose $7·50 to $322·25.

Vaal Reefs advanced £3¼ to £79¾, **Kloof** were £1⅞ up at £33¼, while **Southvaal** improved £1¼ to £58¼. Australian mining stocks also went *firmer under the lead of* Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie which jumped 25p to 558p.

Tailpiece

THE shares of **F J C Lilley**, down from their high of around 123p, were already discounting the recent profit setback. Immediately following the figures, which came out at £7·49 million, against £13·8 million, the shares were lowered to 58p, but keen buyers were on hand and the price has recovered to 68p ex dividend.

Clearly, these buyers are looking for a better performance in the current financial year, and, with the chairman, Campbell White, reporting on progressive measures for the longer term organic growth of the group, the signs are favourable.

The *shares*, selling on a yield of 8 p.c. and a price/earnings ratio of nine, offer interesting recovery possibilities, which could be given an additional boost should the Government decide to allocate funds for much-needed repairs and improvements to Britain's infrastructure.

CINEMAS & TV

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
164	120	Anglia 'A'	155	..
62	53	Capital TV Fac	56	..
207	178	Central TV	180	..
145	120	H.T.V.	122	..
250	217	L.W.T.	240	..
65	27	Radio City	66	..
32	15	TSW	25	..
142	119	TVS	110	..
92	85	Ulster TV	88	..

TOBACCOS

1985 High	1985 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
395	308	BAT Inds.	318	+¼
98	75	Carroll Inds.	88	..
209	176	Imps	194	+4
202	158	Rothmans	171	−1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
200	Bk of Scotland (nil pd)	160pm	+2
66	London North (nil pd)	7pm	..
285	Memec (nil pd)	68pm	..
222	Tesco (nil pd)	17pm	−1

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·77 dollars
Austria	26·60 schillings
Belgium	76·50 francs
Canada	1·693 dollars
Denmark	13·75 kroner
Finland	8·00 markkaa
France	11·52 francs
Germany	3·79 marks
Greece	160·00 drachmae
Holland	4·29 guilders
Iceland	48·00 kronur
Ireland	1·213 punt
Israel	1,200 shekel
Italy	2,435 lira
Japan	312 yen
Malta	·5780 pounds
New Zealand	2·74 dollar
Norway	11·02 kroner
Portugal	209·00 escudos
South Africa	2·25 rand
Spain	210·75 pesetas
Sweden	11·02 kronor
Switzerland	3·17 francs
Turkey	575·00 lira
United States	1·242 dollars
Yugoslavia	300·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain. "Subject to limit."

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	June	105·12	105·21—105·01	2646	107·28—101·23
	Sept	105·25	105·25—105·25	35	110·31—107·21
US T-bond	June	72·51	73·03—72·24	1688	73·03—67·28
	Sept	71·29	71·30—71·25	11	71·30—67·16
3 month £	June	87·49	87·49—87·44	586	90·15—87·29
	Sept	88·21	88·22—88·14	586	89·30—87·42
3 month Euro-dollar	June	91·48	91·50—91·46	915	91·50—89·22
	Sept	90·85	90·84—90·80	1192	90·84—88·18
Sterling	June	1·2490	1·2516—1·2340	248	1·2908—1·0000
	Sept	—	—	—	1·2915—1·0685
D-mark	June	0·3249	0·3256—0·3233	152	0·3373—0·2911
	Sept	—	—	—	0·3267—0·3045
Swiss Franc	June	—	—	—	0·4039—0·3463
	Sept	—	—	—	0·3778—0·3778
Yen	June	0·3983	0·3983—0·3979	7	0·4068—0·3950
	Sept	—	—	—	0·4012—0·4010
FT-SE 100	June	132·70	132·85—131·80	642	132·85—117·00
	Sept	—	—	—	131·40—120·40

Contracts specifications include: Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000. US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000. 3 month sterling, eurodollar—£500,000/US$1 million with cash settlement option. Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000, Dm 125,000, Swf. 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000. FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 9,774

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Burmah goes to 300p

SHARES of Burmah Oil, inspired by confirmation that Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation had made a bid approach, yesterday closed 42p higher at 300p at which level the oil group has a market capitalisation of £432.

Heron which already as a 4 p.c. stake in Burmah, yesterday remained tight-lipped as speculation mounted as to whether or not it intends to launch an outright bid.

Mr Ronson is in the United States and is not due to return to London until Monday next week.

BOC at £78·7m

BOC GROUP is increasing its interim dividend from 3·15p to 3·85p a share payable October 2. The board says it is confident about group performance in the balance of the year and the longer term.

Interim profits to March 31 1985 are ahead from £59·5m to £78·7m.

Questor—P24

Diploma warning

DIPLOMA, electronic components distributor and manufacturer, reports pre-tax profits of £7·81m for the half year to March 31 compared with £7·58m but warns that prospects in the second half remain overshadowed by the uncertainty in the semi-conductor market.

The interim dividend is maintained at 1·28p a share, payable July 1.

Questor—P24

Finlan bond

PROPERTY developers John Finlan are planning a $5m Eurobond issue, believed to be the smallest and one of very few issues by a United Kingdom company in recent years. The bonds will be issued by Transarabian Banhaus which will lend the proceeds to Finlan and will be exchangeable for Finlan shares at any time in the 15 year life of the issue.

Commercial property—P 30

German peak

WEST GERMAN share prices continued to advance yesterday with the Commerzbank index gaining 6·19 points to a record 1,251·20. The index rose for lost of last week, setting four records in the five bourse sessions.

Dealers said that the positive trend continues in evidence with banks in strong demand.

Buyers Down under

A NEW high was notched up by Australian share markets yesterday as buying by investors keen to switch out of United States investments met a shortage of stock. The All Ordinaries index advanced 8·4 points to a best-ever 892·7.

Glaxo – Japan link

GLAXO Holdings and Tanabe Seiyaku, of Japan, have formed a 50-50 joint venture company, Tanabe-Glaxo.

The new company will direct the development and eventual launch of Tanabe's promising lactic in all major markets injectable cephalosporin anti- except Japan.

In October the two groups announced their "basic intent" to co-operate over the compound.

Muirhead–RHP

IN a complete turnabout the directors of the Muirhead electrical components group, who rejected the £14·8m bid from the RHP Group in April, are now preparing to recommend acceptance to shareholders in the absence of any higher offer.

Sir Raymond Brown, chairman, will be writing to shareholders shortly.

Martin-Black

MARTIN-BLACK, suspended at 22p a year ago on its withdrawal from the wire rope business, plans to acquire a "substantial" private company and seek a USM listing. Black's net tangible assets at end-March were 52p (62p) a share, of which cash balances amounted to 40p a share.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	209·10	—
BRUSSELS (Stock index)	1,074·21	+ 5·03
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,251·20	+ 6·70
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,628·29	+14·93
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,277·50	+ 3·32
PARIS (CAC General)	218·20	+0·80
SINGAPORE (Straits Times)	801·64	+ 3·52
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	892·70	+ 8·40
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,541·53	+14·22
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	353·30	+ 2·30

U.S. RATES

Federal funds 8½ p.c. (8⅝ p.c.)
Treas 3 mnth bills 7·73-7·68 (7·75-7·70)
Long Bonds $117 ($116)
Yield 11·18 p.c. (11·19 p.c.)

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Grp	657·85	(+8·99)
"500" ...	700·66	(+11·04)
All-share ...	639·84	(+7·51)

Unilever turns in £218m for first quarter

By TOM KYTE

BROOKE BOND has provided the main growth within Unilever's first quarter figures to March 31.

Unilever's pre-tax profits have increased from £195 million to £218 million, roughly in line with stock market estimates, but that includes two quarterly contributions from Brooke Bond, acquired on October 10.

On a day when the FINANCIAL TIMES 30-share index moved sharply higher to close with a gain of 15 points to 1,016·9, Unilever's share price gained £¼ to £12 in response to the quarterly results.

The group gives no specific details of Brooke Bond's full profits and only says that its fourth quarter sales and profits, less finance costs, accounted for 8 p.c. of the rise in sales and 10 p.c. of the rise in profits. The market is now suggesting that Brooke Bond probably contributed a total of around £20 million to profits.

Chairman, Sir Kenneth Durham said: "Brooke Bond made an important contribution, but the chemical business also performed very well and the European results were 14 p.c. above the first quarter of 1984."

Against this, the cheap EEC butter promotion adversely affected the company's edible fats operations throughout the quarter and the results from there were lower. Profits of the oil milling interests were also forced down, reflecting heavy pressure on margins.

In North America sales were well ahead; but Sir Kenneth pointed out that profits were significantly lower "due to the continued planned heavy investment designed to build both volume and market share in detergents and foods."

Outside Europe and North America, "the group enjoyed an outstanding quarter with sales and results substantially higher than in 1984, Brooke Bond making a major contribution to this result."

Other income increased from £2 million to £11 million during the three months, reflecting income from fixed investments which arose largely as a result of the sale of trade investment

Sir Kenneth Durham, chairman of Unilever . . . 'Brooke Bond made important contribution.'

in a French company. Interest charges, meanwhile, increased from £41 million to £60 million, reflecting the acquisition of Brooke Bond.

The figures have been translated at comparable exchange rates, which leaves attributable profits 12 p.c. higher at £105 million, and the group estimates that the inclusion of Brooke Bond has accounted for around two-thirds of the increase.

Stock market estimates for the full year have been little changed by the first quarter results and the range of forecasts is from £1·03 billion to £1·07 billion, suggesting an average prospective price-earnings ratio of around 7·7.

Aerospace favours the small investor

By RA TICKEL

THE SMALL investor has again been given preference over the professional in allocations made in the £550 million British Aerospace share sale. And, as in last December's £3·9 billion British Telecom offer, some larger investors go empty handed.

The full offer of £146·8 million shares at 375p each has ben just over five times oversubscribed, with a total of over £3 billion of shares applied for.

Excluding the 80·8 million shares placed with institutions, the 23 million applied for by existing shareholders, and the thre milion sought by Aerospace employees, there were some 264,000 applications from the general public for around 790 million shares.

With British Aerospace shares climbing a further 10 to 428p yesterday, and the "new" expected to open at a premium of around 50p when dealings in their 200p partly-paid form start this morning, sizeable profits are again in prospect for the short-term investor.

With City institutions having auready had an opportunity to apply for 55 p.c. of the issue, allocation of the 40 million or shares available to meet public demand, after preferential applicants have been alloted in full, has been weighted in favour of the individual.

Those seeking 100 shares get 100 as do those who applied for 200 shares. Applications for 300 to 500 get 125 shares; for 600 to 700 — 150; 800 to 900 — 175; 1,000 to 1,900—200; 2,000 to 3,800—225; 4,000 to 9,500—250, and 10,000 to 20,000 get 275.

Some 4,000 applicants who sought 21,000 shares or more were unlucky. Kleinwort Benson explained that had these investors cheques been cleared in order to give them 300 or so shares, they could have lost more in interest on their money than they would have gained through an allocation of shares. Their cheques will not be prested and will be returned when letters of acceptance are sent out on Thursday.

There were few multiple applications, applicants appear to have heeded the warning give nby the investigation being carried out by the police into possible fraudulent multiple applications for British Telecom shares.

Investors were warned yesterday that there were a number of invalid applications received and that if they attempted to deal pdior to receiving confirmation of their allocation, they did so at their own risk.

Wellcome to seek listing

THE Wellcome Foundation, the pharmaceutical group whose shares are owned by The Wellcome Trust, is planning to seek a Stock Exchange listing early next year.

The trust intends offering 20 p.c. of its shares to the public. The move could value the foundation, which operates worldwide, at around £1·5 billion.

In the year to August the foundation increased turnover from £604 milion to £806 million and pushed up pre-tax profits from £61·2 million to £89·5 million. Profit after tax was £46·2 million, of which £17 million went to the trust.

The trust, which is a registered charity, believes it could expect a substantial investment income from the proceeds of the offer while the foundation would gain access to outside funds.

Sir David Steel, chairman of the trust, said: "This will enable the trust to diversify its investments and increase its aid to medical research at a time when funds are badly needed."

The foundation was set up in 1924 and over the years has grown to the third largest pharmaceutical group after Beecham and Glaxo. But as a privately owned company it has not been under the same pressure in terms of profitability.

As part of its proposed offer for sale the trust says it will make no further sales within two years and will not reduce its holding below 50 p.c. The arrangements are subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners.

THE BANK of England played into the hands of its critics yesterday with news that it is to pump £100 million of fresh capital into Johnson Matthey Bankers as part of the controversial rescue operation for the failed bank which it mounted last October.

In addition the Bank revealed that it has identified £245 million of bad debts at JMB after spending six months pouring over the rescued bank's books. This is roughly in line with City estimates but is far more than was expected at the time of the rescue.

The losses at JMB will be met partly out of the original £130 million of capital in the bank and partly out of the £50 million of extra capital provided by its parent company, the Johnson Matthey precious metals group.

But that still leaves a hole of £65 million which will have to be plugged by the Bank of England and those City institutions, including the clearing banks and merchant banks, which agreed to provide JMB with indemnities. The Bank is due to cough up half the total at a cost of £32·5 million.

The Bank went out of its way yesterday to emphasise that the £100 million of fresh capital which it is pumping into JMB is needed to finance the ongoing business of the bank once all identifiable bad debts have been cleaned out of the balance sheet. There is still a large reserve of money available under the indemnity scheme to cover the risk of further loan losses.

The Bank is thus convinced that it will see its capital paid back in full — possibly with something to spare—when it eventually finds a buyer for JMB.

The plan is to spend a little longer licking JMB back into shape before making a sale. A spokesman for the Bank said yesterday that "expressions of interest have been shown" in the City.

After all, JMB is one of the five elite members of the London gold ring and with total assets of around £1 billion could make an attractive purchase. The snag is that no one knows yet just how profitable JMB's basic bullion business will turn out to be.

CITY COMMENT

Bank of England does JMB a £100m favour

The Bank stated categorically yesterday that it "expected its £100 million investment to be returned intact." Should JMB be sold for more, the Bank will share the extra cash with those institutions participating in the indemnity scheme.

The Bank is providing JMB with £50 million in the form of equity, £25 million in redeemable shares and £25 million in the form of 10-year subordinated loan stock. Terms on which the money is being provided are, however, being kept secret.

Take-away pensions

MR FOWLER heads for Harrogate this week end to address the annual conference of the National Association of Pension Funds, which tantalisingly falls just after the decision to phase out the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme was announced and just before the Green Paper is published which will spell out the details.

One thing however is certain. The progressive replacement of state earnings related pension scheme by some form of compulsory contributory occupational pension scheme is not likely to be an unqualified bonanza for the pension funds and their managers. Employers and employees in the established occupational pension funds are likely to have to pay higher National Insurance contributions in due course for the same level of benefit. This is because many of the 11 million individuals who are in the State scheme and are now paying higher rate contributions, will expect to pay less when their entitlements are frozen.

Since the Treasury cannot afford to lose the contributions and the State is expected to increase the retirement pensions in due course, it follows that those contracted out of the State scheme will have to pay more without necessarily getting any improvement in their pension benefits.

On the contrary if the cost of the extra national insurance contributions is anything like the £3 billion a year the CBI estimates, there is a possibility some employers at least may be tempted to freeze existing schemes and replace them with cheaper pension schemes with smaller benefits for future service.

The prid pro quo for the pension fund managers and the insurance companies which run most of the occupational pension schemes is that the introduction of compulsory occupational schemes for the younger employees presently in the serps should bring a great deal of extra business. But much of it may go to the "outsiders" who see the phasing out of serps as opening a vast new territory in which their new ideas of personal portable pension schemes linked to the skill of the invested contributions rather than final salaries will develop.

Since the idea of personal portable pensions is very much in tune with current government philosophy on job mobility and the extension of personal ownership of shares, this is likely to be where the growth in pensions business will be seen, whether the occupational pension establishment likes it or not.

Cash flaw to London plan

THAT most bizarre investment trust, London Trust, has finally conceded it does not have an independent future.

The finishing touches are now being put to the scheme under which management will be handed over to the United States venture capital group, Hambrecht & Quist, just so long as holders of more than 50 p.c. of the shares are prepared to back the scheme with irrevocable undertakings.

London Trust's advisers, Baring Brothers, sent out a soothing little note to "certain major institutional investors" over the weekend, telling them that the H. & Q. management plan is still the front runner, despite counter proposals having been made.

The main reason, apparently, for favouring H. & Q. is that there will be a cash alternative for those shareholders of London Trust who want out, at 90 p.c. of net asset value. The other proposal, which like the H. & Q. one is still officially under wraps came on behalf of management buyout specialists Candover Investments.

Baring says that if insufficient institutions back the H. & Q. proposal, the London Trust board will give "urgent consideration" to the Candover plan, which has many aspects which the board favour over the H. & Q. scheme.

It has, however, a fatal flaw: no cash alternative.

For that reason, even if the H. & Q. scheme founders, institutional shareholders are as likely to push for a liquidation as they are to back Candover.

London Trust itself, the board of which includes such luminaries as Angus Ogilvy and Prof. Roland Smith, will lament that its recovery plan will be cut short before the full benefits are seen, but shareholders are unlikely to see things in quite the same way.

Wall St immersed in debt crisis

THE DEBT crisis occupied Wall Street's centre stage after Paul Volcker, United States Federal Reserve chairman, said the World Bank will likely assume a larger role in the coming months as major debtor nations enter the second phase of economic adjustment.

Mr Volcker expressed concern for the lack of United States political support for any major increase in World Bank funding at a time when the bank should be taking on a leadership role in the debt crisis arena.

"I suspect the World Bank's role should be larger as borrowing countries turn to dealing with their longter-term structural problems," Mr Volcker told the Bankers' Association for Foreign Trade.

Mr Volcker's comments followed news of the International Monetary Fund's decision to scrap its beleaguered loan programme with Brazil in favour of a new standby package that would cover the next 12 to 18 months.

Brazil has fallen out of compliance with its current IMF approved package because of continuing high inflation rates and rapid money supply growth. The IMF said it was confident that a new agreement could be worked out soon.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 3·32 higher at 1277·50.

● The pound in New York ended at $1·2560 against $1·2320.

Loss of £223,000 at Bellair Cosmetics

By BARBARA CONWAY

BELLAIR COSMETICS, one of the best stock market performers of 1983 when its share price rose by 2,500 p.c. before being suspended at £13¾ in January, 1984, has produced a loss of £223,000 pre-tax, against a £96,000 loss the previous year, for the 12 months to last October.

The annual report shows that three directors, including chairman Arthur Fenton Hill have resigned during the past few weeks, that total assets for the company are more than halved at just £211,000 and that the £5 million Middle Eastern order announced to shareholders last August has not materialised.

Charles Keep, managing director of Bellair and now also chairman, said that the problem with the Middle Eastern order had arisen out of the "saleability" of Bellair products which had not proved sufficient to sustain the order after the first shipment.

Other major changes from the situation as represented at the annual meeting last August include dropping a plan to develop a 5·8-acre site in Izmir, Turkey to manufacture cosmetics under licence.

Mr Keep now says that the site had been bought on behalf of Belair by parent company Wasskon Establishment, the company stated to be owned by Mehmet Tecimer, former brother-in-law of Polly Peck chairman Asil Nadir, and was subsequently sold by him with no financial effect on the company since it was decided that a site near Istanbul would be preferable.

SE to poll on major proposals

THE 4,500 members of the Stock Exchange have now received formal notice of the crucial general meeting to be called on June 4.

In a letter to members, Stock Exchange chairman Sir Nicholas Goodison says the Council will be calling for a poll on both the major proposals to be put to members.

The first vote will be on the proposition that Stock Exchange firms can be 100 p.c.-owned by outside bodies and the second relates to the constitutional change which will split existing

Trafalgar buys 14pc of Kier

TRAFALGAR House yesterday paid £9·85 million cash for a 14·9 p.c. stake in civil engineering group French Kier and described the holding as a "trade investment."

Cedric Prettsome, French Kier's chief executive claimed there had been no contact between the two sides but a Trafalgar spokesman said he believed a courtesy call had been made. Trafalgar has no plans to present to bid for the rest of Freench Kier, but he could not rule out the possibility in the future.

Trafalgar, which includes a near 5 p.c. holding in Higgs & Hill, and 5·5 p.c. of Davy Corporation, among its "trade investments" will ibe etending its £37·2 million offer for Haden today.

Natwest $1bn bond floater

By ANNE SEGALL

NATIONAL Westminster Bank yesterday joined the rush to raise new capital with a $1 billion issue of perpetual bonds, the largest fund-raising operation of its kind ever launched by a bank or private sector institution.

The bonds, which take the form of floating rate notes, are being closely modelled on the pioneering issue by Lloyds Bank two weeks ago, thereby qualifying as primary capital under Bank of England rules.

National Westminster is taking advantage of the huge appetite of international investors for this new form of bank debt to achieve fractionally lower margins than Lloyds, with the notes paying interest of ¼ p.c. over the mid-rate for interbank funds. Front-end fees are also slightly lower than for Lloyds.

County Bank, the merchant bank which forms part of the National Westminster group, is to act as lead manager. A spokesman for County said yesterday that demand for the bonds was coming from all over the world, with international investors seemingly unruffled by the quasi-equity features of the issue.

As in the case of Lloyds the fine print in the National Westminster issue includes arrangements for the bonds to be converted into preference shares in case of liquidation and for interest to bond holders to be suspended if the bank ever finds itself unable to make dividend payments to shareholders.

Roy Haines, National Westminster treasurer, said yesterday: "The market seems to want this type of instrument, so we decided to seize the opportunity to get our gearing into line with that of the other big British banks."

After the issue National Westminster's free capital ratio will rise from around 5 p.c. to roughly 6 p.c., making it one of the best capitalised banks in Britain.

The issue will also bring the bank into line with American capital requirements, an important consideration given the scale of its operations across the Atlantic.

A key attraction of the new-style bonds is that the cost of capital is less than half that of raising equitp.

● The British economy will grow faster this year than that of Germany, France or Italy and is likely to outstrip the EEC average over the five years to 1989, according to the latest economic assessment from National Westminster.

The bank's chief economist, David Kern, expects national output to expand by 3 p.c. this year, of which ¾ p.c. reflects the rebound from the miners' strike. Growth next year is forecast to slow temporarily to only 1¾ p.c.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS 1984

Trading results

	£mn
Long-term business profit	16.13
Short-term business loss	(3.99)
Shareholders' net investment income	2.41
After-tax profit for year	14.55
Total ordinary dividend for year	13.68

Dividend

The directors recommend a final dividend of 24.25p per ordinary share. Including the increased interim, the total ordinary dividend for the year will be 38p at a cost of £13.68mn, against 33p for 1983.

New life business

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH: 523,837 assurances issued for annual premiums of £34,016,000. After adjusting for technical factors, underlying growth rate 7.25 per cent.

ORDINARY BRANCH: 88,830 life assurance and annuity policies issued (by the company and its subsidiaries), for total premiums of £58,038,000, increase of 18.7 per cent on 1983.

Long-term premium income

Total long-term premium income, including the subsidiaries, increased from £288,104,000 to £336,539,000.

Valuation surplus for parent company

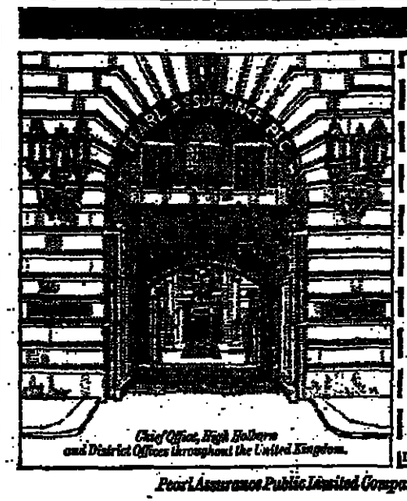
Surplus for the year: £83,978,000 in the ORDINARY BRANCH and £83,092,000 in the INDUSTRIAL BRANCH. £151,056,000 allocated to policyholders, £16,128,000 to shareholders, and the remainder carried forward.

Short-term business

Premium income increased from £72,449,000 to £82,835,000 in the GENERAL BRANCH and from £9,786,000 to £12,984,000 in the Marine, Aviation and Transport account.

GENERAL BRANCH underwriting loss £16,691,000. After crediting investment income and allowing for tax and meeting exceptional claims from investments reserves, trading loss £4,361,000.

Marine, Aviation and Transport trading profit £375,000.



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COMPANIES

Matthew Brown raises payout

A RISE in profits and dividend was announced yesterday by Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer which Scottish & Newcastle Breweries has been trying to buy for around £100 million.

The opposed bid is currently withdrawn while the Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigates the situation.

The interim dividend for the six months ended March 30 is 2·15p, up from 1·75p, with pretax profit up from £2·7 million to £3·1 million and turnover up from £19·2 million to £25·5 million.

Matthew Brown shares rose by 5p to 388p. This year the price has ranged between 258p and 448p as the takeover battle fluctuated, with S & N holding 13·5 p.c. of the total and Whitbread Investment Co. moving in to gain nearly 9 p.c.

Patrick Townsend, chairman, said the business was "poised for profitable growth." Directors remained firmly convinced that the S & N takeover bid was "not in the public interest nor that of shareholders, employees and customers."

Circaprint

Circaprint, the printed circuit board maker which joined the USM in January 1984 and went on to push 1983-84 pre-tax profits on from £423,000 to £650,000, has made a strong start this time.

Pre-tax profits come out at £536,000 as against £316,000 but then profits included £150,000 from consequential loss insurance relating to a fire at the Aylesford factory.

Sales in the half advanced £1·39m to £5·74m due in part to the group's improved customer base as well as on the restored capacity of Aylesford. Currently the order book is satisfactory and the group has recently obtained its first export sales to the United States. There are earnings of 4·5p (6p) but as usual no interim.

Dataserv

THE SUBSTANTIAL improvement over the 1983 full year's $2·17m pre-tax that Dataserv expected when it weighed in with interim figures down from $819,000 to $567,000 has duly materialised for it has weighed in with $5·4m.

Moreover this IBM computer leasing group expects its results this time too to be very encouraging.

It says that with the pattern of organic growth now firmly established, it is confident that the investment in the maintenance and related businesses will produce significant growth.

Each of its United States operating units has topped its sales objectives in the first four months of 1985; trading in Britain is satisfactory though not matching the exceptional performance that stemmed from the 1984 Budget tax changes; while Europe has made a solid start.

The final is 1·15 cents on July 15 making a total of 1·75c as against a forecast of 1·5c from earnings of 15·54c (11·5c).

Hadson Petroleum

Hadson Petroleum International, the exploration stock which last month announced the proposed sale of its British oil and gas interests to Britoil for £27m, made £412,000 pre-tax last year against £686,000.

Income was largely comprised of interest received on the group's cash and investments while there was also a £869,000 exchange gain. Profits were struck however after a £758,000 write-off for exploration, administrative and overhead costs. Again there is no dividend.

Readicut

READICUT International, Tallpiece's speculation for 1985, has continued to recover for pre-tax profits for 1984-85 are on from £3·77m to £4·48m and in turn dividend restoration goes on with a 1·3p final making 1·45p (1·2p) from earnings of 5·99p (5.56p).

Turnover was 6 p.c. higher at a record £108m and despite the pressure of rising raw material prices across all sectors of the business, the group improved its trading profit by 10 p.c.—from £5·61m to £6·19m.

It also kept working capital tightly controlled for despite the rise in sales the interest charge was cut by £119,300 to £1·71m.

Order books are reasonably full and the board says the outlook is encouraging.

Tysons

TYSONS (CONTRACTORS) which in the first half swung from a pre-tax profit of 665,700 to a loss of £361,700, went deeper into the red in the second for there is a full year deficit of £1·53m as against a profit of £812,600.

This means losses of 31·52p a share, compared with earnings of 15·84p, but the dividend is held at 2·5p payable on June 29.

The main factor behind the second half tumble was the particularly severe and prolonged winter which caused an unforeseeable escalation in costs of work in progress. These have been provided for in these figures.

Meantime the board reports that current order books and prospective margins encourage hopes of improved results though they caution that new orders in the North West for building contractors remain very scarce.

Thos. Warrington

TOO MANY contractors chasing what little work is available in the main area of operations in and around Merseyside resulting in margins so narrow that it is difficult to make an adequate profit lie behind the tumble in the full-year pre-tax profits of Thomas Warrington and Sons from £391,000 to just £1,000.

Turnover was £13·5m (£12·2m). Earnings of 8·02p have given way to losses of 0·86 a share and accordingly the final dividend has been cut 2·16p to 2·25p on July 8 bringing the total down from 6·16p to 4p.

Welpac

WELPAC, the supplier of prepacked hardware to leading DIY retailers and builders merchants and which topped its USM prospectus forecast by some £21,000 with £271,000 in 1983-84, went on to £404,500 pre-tax in the year ended January.

This was achieved on sales of just over £4m (£3·05m) for earnings of 1·34p (0·79p) from which there is a 0·5p dividend as against the foreshadowed 0·2p.

Turnover is holding up well during the current year and the board is confident of maintaining a satisfactory profit level.

IN BRIEF

Stewart Enterprise Investment: Full year pre-tax income £69,900 (£85,000). Dividends and interest £146,800 (£514,400). Eps 0·24p (0·32p). Dividend again 0·4p, payable July 15.

Third Mile Investment: Full year pre-tax profit £179,000 (£125,000). Turnover £907,000 (£1m). Eps 6·8p (4·6p). Final dividend 1£2p making 1·9p (17p).

Planet Group: In view of proposed offer from Heywood Williams, board will not now be putting the resolution to declare a 1·75p final for 1984. Should the offer not proceed the proposed dividend will be paid as a first interim for 1985.

Outwich Investment Trust: Full year pre-tax revenue £3·48m (£3·18m) after interest charge of £91,000 (£136,000). Investment revenue £3·56m (£3·35m). Eps 3·44p (2·97p). Nav. 178·2p (150·2p). Final dividend 2p making 3p (2·6p).

BIDS AND DEALS

Forward Technology

FORWARD Technology Industries is disposing of two subsidiaries in a deal which will reduce its debt by £2 and increase shareholders' funds by about £900,000.

It is to sell to Platon International its 92·7 p.c.-owned subsidiary K & N Electronics and its wholly - owned subsidiary Jenboame, which owns 82·5 p.c. of Dicoll Electronics, for around £600,000 cash.

The combined net liabilities attributable to the companies at end-December were £302,000 and pre-tax profits for 1984 £211,000.

Glass Glover

FRUIT and vegetable distributor Glass Glover Group expects first half results to March 31 to show an increase of about 15 p.c. over the comparative figures (£651,000 pre-tax) and reports that the second half has started well.

It is to acquire Louis Reece, trading in the wholesale sector of the fresh fruit and vegetable industry, for about £2·5m. This will be satisfied by £1·5m in new Ordinary shares and the balance in cash.

In the year to Sept. 30 Reece made £257,000 pre-tax on turnover of £33m.

First Sentinel has acquired the share and loan capital of Melville Technologies for £3·1m. Melville was formed in 1980 to acquire the Herbert Sigma division of Alfred Herbert. Sigma makes industrial switches and sensors.

ICI court order on sharepushing

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries yesterday obtained a court injunction to prevent Amsterdam sharepushers B A Investment Advisory Services *from* writing to or telephoning British investors to persuade them to buy shares in Canadian company ICI Industrial Minerals.

The injunction also applies to Mr B. Altwerger, described as a principal of the Dutch company, and prevents th presentation of any cheques sent by British investors who were persuaded to subscribe for shares.

The injunction will remain in force until the full hearing of a "passing off" action taken out by Imperial Chemical against ICI Industrial Minerals later this year.

A spokesman for Imperial Chemical said the injunction had been applid for "because it was obviously a matter of great urgency since the share offer closed next week." Many shareholders in Imperial Chemical had been sent letters from BA urging them to buy the shares.

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MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE DOLLAR fell back again sharply yesterday after a brief rally when markets in Europe opened, and closed 4½ pfennigs lower at Dm3·0740. But sterling held its own against Continental currencies, closing virtually unchanged at Dm3·8534. The pound gained 1·75 cents against the dollar to close at $1·2537, and the trade weighted average rose 0·5 to 78·6 p.c.

Period rates in the London money market fell by about 1/16 p.c., and three-month inter-bank closed at 12⅝-12 11/16 p.c., but still not enough to permit a fall in base rates. Overnight money closed at 8 p.c. after opening at 12½-12¾ p.c.

The Bank of England bought £792 million bills in the discount market at unchanged rates and gave £55 million of late lending to meet an estimated shortage of £800 million

THE POUND ABROAD

	13-5-85	Prev. close
Austria	27.10—.17	27.21—.50
Belgium*	77.44—.65	77.56—.77
Canada	1.7210—.7266	1.7075—.7195
Denmark	13.8996—.9200	13.8850—.9120
France	11.7404—.7798	11.7282—.7682
Germany W	3.8492—.8576	3.8439—.8575
Holland	4.3442—.3556	4.3429—.3544
Ireland	1.2285—.2345	1.2316—.2351
Italy	2454.51—2465.05	2448.51—2460.15
Japan	314.82—315.38	311.80—.88
Norway	11.1204—.1462	11.0850—.1118
Portugal	217.31—222.50	220.54—224 55
Spain	216.77—217.28	216.70—217.21
Sweden	11.1329—.1660	11.1324—.1583
Switzerland	3.2565—.2441	3.2380—.2439
Utd. States	1.2530—.2545	1.2380—.2395

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 78·4 (77·9) CLOSE 78·6 (78·1) (Base 1975=100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 619.90—621.40
Australia	A$1.7860—1.7875
Brazil	Cruzeiro 6437.00—6474.00
Cyprus	C£ 0.7870—0.7925
Finland	Markka 8.0660—8.0770
Greece	Drachma 168.60—172.16
Hong Kong	HK.$ 9.70¼—9.71¼
India	Rupee 15.3608
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3837—0.3856
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3740—0.3780
Malaysia	Ringgit 3.09½—3.10½
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 4.4670—4.5070
Singapore	S$ 2.7730—2.7930
South Africa	Rand 2.4570—2.4600
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.54¼—4.58¼

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	13-5-85	Prev. close
France	9·3850	9·4800
Germany	3·0740	3·1115
Switzerland	2·5875	2·6145
Japan	251·30	251·60
Trade weighted ave.	145·90	147·1

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8 1/16—8 3/16; 1 month 8 1/16—8 3/16
3 months 8¼—8⅜; 6 months 8 9/16—8 11/16

MARKS:
7 days 5 7/16—5 9/16; 1 month 5 7/16—5 9/16
3 months 5½—5⅝; 6 months 5 11/16—5 13/16

SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 2¾—3; 1 month 4¾—4⅞
3 months 5—5⅛; 6 months 5 1/16—5 3/16

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	15⅝-13⅝ Gr. pm	41⅛-36¼ Gr. pm
Belgium	28—21 c.pm	68—59 c.pm
Canada	0.51—0.41 c pm	1.25—1.09 c pm
Denmark	4⅜—3⅞ Ore pm	11⅜—10⅛ Ore pm
France	2⅞—2¼ c pm	7—5⅜ c pm
Germany W	2⅝—2⅜ Pf pm	6¾—6⅜ Pf pm
Holland	2¼—2 c.pm	6⅛—5⅞ c.pm
Italy	1 Lr pm—2Lr dis	1 Lr.pm—6 Lr.dis
Japan	1⅝—1⅜ Yen pm	5—4⅝ Yen pm
Norway	⅝ O pm—¼ O dis	Par—⅛ Ore dis
Portugal	85—130 c. dis	305—1160 c.dis
Spain	10 c.pm—20 c.dis	30—90 c.dis
Sweden	1⅝—2¼ Ore dis	6¼—7½ Ore dis
Switzerland	2⅝—2⅛ c.pm	6¼—5⅞ c.pm
Utd. States	0.52—0.50 c.pm	1.51—1.27 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $316·75; 2nd Fix $321·00
Close $322·25 ($314·75)
Sterling Equiv. £257·05 (£254·59)

KRUGERRANDS*

£297·00—£303·60 (£259·00—£305·90)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£229·50—£231·95 (£227·50—£229·95)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£73·60—£57·00 (£58·00—£74·75)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate
12½—12¾ (April 19)

FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 13½ pc (May)

DISCOUNT MKT.:
Day-to-Day 8—12⅝

INTERBANK:
Overnight 12⅝
7 days 12 9/16—12⅜; 1 month 12 11/16—12¼
3 months 12⅝—12 11/16; 6 months 12⅝—12½

LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:
Two days 12⅝; Seven days 12⅝
One month 12⅝; Three months 12⅝

BANK BILLS:
1 month 12¼—12 3/32
3 months 12 1/16—12⅛; 6 months 11 29/32—11 21/32

TREAS. BILLS:
1 month 12 3/16—12¼
2 months 12 1/16—12⅛; 3 months 11 13/16—12

STERLING C.Ds.:
1 month 12⅝—12 11/16
3 months 12 7/16—12 9/16; 1 year 11⅞—12

DOLLAR C.Ds.:
1 month 7.95—8.05
3 months 8.10—8.20; 1 year 8.95—9.05

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

BOC steps on the gas

AT LAST it is the shareholders' turn to get the spoils from the growth at BOC Group.

The interim dividend is lifted by 22 p.c., bang in line with earnings growth over the half-year to March 31 and far above the rate of dividend progress seen during BOC's recent past.

A dividend increase on that scale suggests a number of possibilities. BOC may be afraid of a takeover bid. It may be planning one of its own and wishing to see its share price higher. Or it may believe a higher dividend will remove the last traces of adverse sentiment which have dogged the company since its series of share placing in 1982.

But whatever lies behind the increase it successfully complemented yesterday's half-year results, showing pretax profits up 32 p.c. at £78·7 million.

Gases and health care operations are performing strongly. The old lag, welding, is virtually all sold or closed, and BOC's only remaining serious problem is electrode product business, victim of poor pricing and a strong dollar.

Fears about the ebbing strength of the United States economy currently seem unfounded so far as BOC is concerned. Most of its activities there are well insulated from cyclical activity trends.

The group intends to build on its specialist activities and has a £300 million capital budget in place for the current year. On top of that there could be up to £100 million spent on niche acquisitions.

Borrowings will consequently remain relatively high — at the half year they stood at £778 million (£799 million at September 1984) against shareholders' funds of £1·25 billion (£1·2 billion) — but that is unlikely to lead to a rights issue.

For the full year profits look on course for £175 million (£138 million), which would be ample to accommodate another dividend uplift at the final stage. It would put the shares, which have underperformed the index by 17 p.c. over the past year, on an undemanding rating of nine times at 291p.

A bull position in the market may mean the share price will take time to bust the 300p barrier. But once it does it should stay there.

Perkins Meats short of flavour

REASONS for the offer for sale: The chairman's wife wishes to reduce her holding from 3·8 million shares to 2 million shares; the company wants to equip itself for any takeover opportunities and will set 45 p.c. of the offer proceeds aside towards this end.

In that order of priority, those two reasons are poor justification for a new issue. If John Perkins Meats could support its founder's sell-out with a promise of masive benefits just a step away the timing of the offer would be acceptable. But the group is unable evn to forecast higher profits for the current year.

Instead its estimate for the year to September 28, 1985, suggests a pre-tax slip for from £614,000 to £580,000. Plenty of excuses are paraded to explain this. Depreciation is £98,000 higher than a year ago thatks to an upsurge in capital investment and the company has decided not involve itself this year in the EEC private aid programme.

This would require it to hold certain beef—stocks for ten months, under current year contracts and Perkins is not prepared to take a gamble on beef prices over that length of time.

In its favour, Perkins is involved in a large capital expenditure programme which will cost £900,000 this year against £600,000 last time and it is aiming to increase its abattoir capacity by more than 100 p.c. soon.

But it is still a one product company—beef—and the market for red meat has been declining steadily for some time, witness the lack of growth in turnover over the last two years.

Also, any significant boost to earnings from the expansion programme is around two years away and even though the shares have been priced relatively cheaply at 41p on a prospective multiple of 10·8 and a yield of 6·3 p.c., there seems little reason why any new money should be attracted to such a long term prospect.

Don't rush into Diploma shares

LAST YEAR it was swings for Diploma. This year it will be roundabouts as the trading cycles in the two important sectors which it serves (electronic component distribution and building comopents) are adverse.

The cycle for its third market, special steels, is still positive but not strong enough to outweigh the other two and after reporting annual pre-tax profits of £16·3 million in the 12 months ended last September an outcome not much more than £15 million for this should be expected.

At the interim stage to March 31 pre-tax profits are ahead at £7·81 million against £7·58 million, with electronic component distribution accounting for £29 million of the £46 million turnover, and £5·4 million against £5·6 million of the pre-tax profits.

The difference in the trading climate is that whereas last year there was a rush to produce and secure products, now there is an over-supplied position and intense competition among distributors has meant very sharp pricing.

The opportunity to earn high margins seems unlikely to come again for a while yet, and the caution in holding the interim dividend underlines the point.

Market share is, however, creeping forward and newly acquired franchises are doing well.

Competition within building components was heightened by lower housing starts and poor weather but profits at I. G. Lintels and Robert Lee held steady despite the burden of higher overheads.

The brightest area lies with Henry Whitham with a substantial interim profits advance behind it and prospects of a god second half ahead. There was higher demand from general engineering for high specification alloy and carbon steels, exports markets were penetrated and prices improved.

Year and profit warnings saw Diploma's shares 25p weaker at 203p yesterday, where they offer a prospective price/earnings ratio of 13·5 which takes the optimistic view that recovery is just round the corner.

At their best in the past year Diploma has seen 275p. At their worst 195p.

At the current level don't buy yet.

COMMODITIES

Gold improves

THE London gold price, reacting to worries about a state banking crisis in Maryland and a weaker dollar, rose by $7·50 to $322·25 an ounce yesterday. Gold was first fixed at $316·75 in the first fixed at $316·75 in the afternoon, but later interest lifted it higher.

LONDON METAL MARKETS

Rudolf Wolff Report

COPPER: Steadier but Easier. Wire Bars: Off Settlement £1,229 (£1275) Off Midday Cash £1,227-£1,229. 3 Month £1,208-£1,209. After Close Cash £1,226-£1,227. 3 Months £1,210-£1,211. T/O 31,570 Tonnes. Cathodes: Idle. Off Settlement £1,202 (£1,255). Off Midday Cash £1,197-£1,202. 3 Months £17,193-£1,198. After Close Cash £1,201-£1,204. 3 Months £1,197-£1,199. T/O Nil Tonnes.

TIN: Steadier. Off Settlement £9,460 (£9,545). Off Midday Cash £9,458-£9,460. 3 Months £9,443-£9,445. After Close Cash £9,462-£9,464 3 Months £9,447-£9,452. T/O 1,470 Tonnes.

LEAD: Barely Steady. Off Settlement £302 (£305). Off Midday Cash £301-302. 3 Months £305-£305·50. After Close Cash £300-5300·50. 3 Months £303-£304. T/O 6,400 Tonnes.

ZINC: Steadier. Off Settlement £659 (£688), Off midday cash £658-£659. 3 mths £659-£658·50, Aft close cash £663-£664. 3 mths £663-£664. T/O 12,350 tonnes.

SILVER: Steadier. Midday cash 509p-510p. 3 mths 525·5p-5.5p. Aft close cash 519p-519·9p. 3 mths 534·5p-535·5p. T/O 105 lots of 10,000oz each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady but quiet. Off settlement £891 (£908). Off midday cash £890-£891. 3 mths £910·50-£911·50. Aft close cash £889-£890. 3 mths £909·50-£910. T.O. 8,125 tonnes.

NICKEL: Steady. Off settlement £4,435 (£4,500). Off midday cash £4,430-£4,435, 3 mths £4,420-£4,425, Aft close cash £4,430-£4,440, 3 mths £4,420-£4,425. T/O 1,266 tonnes.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 506·75 (510·30), 3 mths 521·90 (523·35), 6 mths 537·50 (540·85), 1 yr 566·50 (570·55).

PLATINUM: Free-Market £223 (£221·10).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot 65-68 (66-69).

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No 1 Basis $660. No. 3 Long $640. CIF, Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price raws £68·50, $85. No. 6 Contract $ per tonne. Aug. 93·20-93·40. Oct. 97-97·40. Dec 102·20-103. March 114·20-114·60. May 118·80-119·20. Aug 125-125·20. Oct 129-132·20 T/O 1,188 lots.

SOOYA MEAL: Easier. June £24·80-£26·30. Aug £22-£22·20, ct £24·10-£24·30. Dec £28·80-£29. Feb £33·50-£33·80. April £34·50-£35. June £34-£36. T/O 128 lots.

COFFEE £ per ton: May 2090. July 2140. Sept 2177. Nov 2205. Jan 2231. March 2230. Sales 1137.

COCOA E. D. + F Man (cocoa) report (£ Per Tonne) *Closing Prices: May 1827 sell, 1820 buy. July 1856 1855. Sept 1839, 1838. Dec 1789, 1787. March 1792, 1790. May 1805, 1800. July 1815, 1801. Sales 2092. Options 4.

FREIGHT FUTURES

July 952·0 down 8·0, volume 80: Oct. 978·5 down 18·0. volume 93: Jan. 966·0 down 15·5. volume 21: April 1,062·5 down 15·0: July 967·5 down 27·5, volume 2: Oct. 1,065·0 down 26·5; Jan. 1,167·5 down 7·5; April 1,212·5 down 7·5. Total lots 215. Yesterday's B F I 1,024·0 (change

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·00. Dubai 25·80, Arab Heavy 25·50. North Sea (Forties) 26·40. North Sea (Brent) 26·60, Nigerian Bonny Medium 26·30.

GAS OIL FUTURES

June 216-15·75. July 215·25-15. Aug. 217·25-16·75. Sept. 219·25-19. Oct. 222-20. Nov. 225-21. Dec. 227-25. Jan. 230-24. Feb. 230-20. Total volume 688. Premier Man.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

HGCA—locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. Eastern: feed barley 112·50. E Midlands: feed wheat 119·90, feed barley 112·90, Scotland: feed barley 110·80.

BARLEY £ per ton: May 114·90. Sept 99·20, Nov 102·65, Jan 106·25, March 109·45. WHEAT "B" £ per ton: May 120. July 123·10. Sept 100, Nov 103·20, Jan 106·80.

(GAFTA)

PIGMEAT (Gafta): Pence per kilo. June 160·60. Aug. 101·70. Oct. 106·90. Nov. 107·30. Feb. 99·70. April 100·50. T/O 95 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): May £65. Nov. £65·10, Feb £73·50, April £87.10.

LIVE PIGS (Gafta): Pence per kilo. June 100·0, July 85·80. Aug 95. Sept 96. Oct 99, Nov 98. Jan 93·50. Feb 93·60. March 94. April 93·50, May 93·50. T/O Nil lots.

COVENT GARDEN

Vegetables lb: Root artichoke 40. asparagus 100-200. aubergine 40-60. Kenya beans 80-85. beansprouts 30. sprouting broccoli 16-20. red cabbage 10. white 7. green 15-20. carrots 10-20. courgettes 50. fennel 60. garlic each 10-12. leeks 25-30. mushrooms 60-80. onions 7-16. parsnips 7. capsicums green 30-35, red 150. old potatoes 5-7. imported "new" 8-15, home grown 50. swedes 6. parsley 50. peas 30. Each: Globe artichokes 30. cauliflower 30-40. sweetcorn 30.

Salad bunch: Radish 10-13. watercress 16. mustard and cress 7. spring onion 12-13. Per lb: Chicory 60. beetroot 13. cr. ole 26. Chinese leaf 30. tomatoes 30-43. Each: Celery 13-40. cucumbers 16-28. round lettuce 10-12. cos lettuce 10-15. Iceberg 30-50. endives 130. Webbs 10-12.

Fruit lb: Eating apples 14-30. cookers 9-13. bananas 30-34. grapes 44-65. pears 12-28. rhubarb 6-10. strawberries imported 40-60. Eng 140. cherries 180. watermelons 20-30. Each: Avocados 18-35. coconuts 28. grapefruit 11-20. pink 30. Kiwi 13-20. lemons 3-10. limes 15-16. mangoes 40-70. honeydew melons 120-200. oranges 3-16. tangerines 10. pawpaw 16. pineapple 70-130. pomegranates 100. peaches 16-28. hothouse 100-120.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average Fatstock Prices yesterday: GB cattle 100·16p kg lw (+2·54), sheep 227·91p kg est d c w (—12·43), pigs 81·85p kg lw (+1·54). England and Wales: cattle nos up 49.6 pc. ave price 100·38p (+2·26). sheep nos up 37·0 pc. ave price 228·47p (—12.61). pig nos up 41·6 pc, ave price 81·82p (+1·57). Scotland: cattle nos up 24.7 pc, ave price 98·83p (+2·56). sheep nos up 10·1 pc, ave price 219·17p (—12·05), pig nos down 13.2 pc, ave price 84·96p (+0.59).

GRIMSBY FISH

Quayside prices ex-ship ten stone kit. —Cod £48-£65, codling £45-£50, large plaice £69—£72, medium £69-£72, small £35-£50, large lemon £110-£120, medium £85-£95, small £40-£80, large haddock £40-£48, medium £43-£48, small £30, coley £17-£18, rockfish £17-£20, reds £24-£28.

LONDON TEA AUCTIONS

There were 36,765 packages on offer in this week's sale including 6,000 in offshore section. Assams came to a weak market and there were heavy withdrawals, prices being 5-17p lower where sold. Best liquoring and good medium East Africans again met keen competition and frequently moved 5-10p dearer, but plainer varieties were irregular and sometimes neglected. Central African C T C's also received better support, with colouty lines fully firm to dearer, others tending easier. Limited quantity of Ceylons came to a selective market at 2-5p below valuations. Offshore teas received improved inquiry, particularly brighter lines but prices were barely steady on last rates. Quality 190p (NQ), medium 155p (150), low medium 113p (115).

Telephone Rentals plc

RESULTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 1984

	1984 £000	1983 £000
Turnover:		
Rental	36,389	32,810
Sales and Others	31,230	24,780
	67,619	57,590
Group Profit before tax	14,725	14,224
Assets Employed (Net)	75,159	68,357
Earnings per Share	14.60p	13.67p
Dividends per Share	6.25p	5.75p

Summarised extracts from the Statement of the Chairman, Sir Charles Ball

* Profits before taxation amounted to £14,725,000, exceeding our previous record year in 1983.

* The Directors are recommending dividends totalling 6.25p per share for the year (1983—5.75p).

* Our growing Data Communications System division completed another successful year and again increased the number of orders secured for message switching systems.

* By the end of 1984 continuing delays in the Government's timetable for liberalisation were largely overcome and in the areas where liberalisation has become effective, we have achieved substantial growth.

* New rental and sale business for the first four months of this year is substantially ahead of that taken for the same period last year.

* In view of the anticipated increase in our overall United Kingdom activities and with the contributions from our overseas companies, the Board expects that 1985 will show a further increase in Group profits.

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Unilever results

The Directors of Unilever announce the results for the first quarter of 1985

UNILEVER COMBINED RESULTS ON AN HISTORICAL COST BASIS (£ millions)

	First Quarter 1985	First Quarter 1984	Increase/ (Decrease)
TURNOVER	4,731	3,824	24%
OPERATING PROFIT	231	199	16%
Share of associated companies' profit before taxation	11	12	
Other income from fixed investments	11	2	
Other interest receivable and similar income	25	21	
Interest payable and similar charges	(60)	(41)	
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	218	193	13%
Taxation on profit of the year	(103)	(93)	
Taxation adjustments previous years	1	1	
Outside interests	(11)	(7)	
Profit attributable to shareholders	105	94	12%
Difference on translation of 1985 results at end March 1985 rates of exchange	(7)		
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	98	94	4%
Combined earnings per share — per 25p of ordinary capital	26.11p	25.04p	4%

Exchange Rates. The results for the quarter and the comparative figures for 1984 have been translated at comparable rates of exchange. These are based on £1=Fl.4.13=U.S.$1.16, which were the closing rates of 1984. An exception has been made for the results which have arisen in hyper-inflationary economies, which for the current quarter have been translated at forecast closing rates for 1985. The profit attributable to shareholders for the current quarter has also been translated at the rates of exchange current at the end of March 1985 being based on £1=Fl.4.29=U.S. $1.23.

Brooke Bond Group plc
On the 10th October, 1984 Unilever acquired control of the Brooke Bond Group plc. The sales and profit of the Brooke Bond Group for the fourth quarter 1984 were not included in Unilever's 1984 results, and are now taken up in the results of the first quarter 1985, together with the finance costs incurred in 1984 by reason of the acquisition.

Results
In the first quarter of 1985 the value of sales was 24% higher than in the corresponding quarter of 1984 and operating profit improved by 16%. The Brooke Bond fourth quarter 1984 sales and profits, less related finance costs, accounted for 8% of the increase in sales and 10% of the increase in operating profit.

European results were 14% above the first quarter of 1984. Brooke Bond made an important contribution and our chemical business performed very well. The E.E.C. cheap butter promotion adversely affected our edible fats operations throughout the quarter and results were down. Profits of our oil milling operations were lower, through pressure on margins.

In North America sales were well ahead of last year, but results were significantly lower due to continued planned heavy investment to build both volume and market share in detergents and foods.

Our operations outside Europe and North America had an outstanding quarter with sales and results substantially higher than in 1984. Brooke Bond made a major contribution to this result.

The increase in Other Income from fixed investments arose largely from the sale of a trade investment in a French company. The higher interest costs were due to the acquisition of Brooke Bond.

Profit attributable to shareholders in the quarter at comparable rates of exchange increased by 12%; inclusion of the Brooke Bond fourth quarter 1984, less related finance costs, accounted for two-thirds of the increase.

The results of the second quarter of 1985 will be announced on Tuesday, 13th August, 1985.

13th May, 1985

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This document includes particulars given in compliance with the Regulations of the Council of The Stock Exchange for the purpose of giving information with regard to John Perkins Meats PLC ("the Holding Company"). The Directors of the Holding Company have taken all reasonable care to ensure that all the facts stated contained herein are true and accurate in all material respects and that there are no other material facts the omission of which would make misleading any statement herein whether of fact or of opinion. All the Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the grant of permission to deal in the Ordinary Shares of the Company on the Unlisted Securities Market. It is emphasised that no application has been made for these securities to be admitted to listing.

JOHN PERKINS MEATS PLC

(Incorporated in England under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981 No. 1898193)

OFFER FOR SALE BY STATHAM DUFF STOOP

of 3,400,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each at 41p per share payable in full on application

SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised	in Ordinary Shares of 10p each	Issued and to be issued fully paid
£1,500,000		£960,000

The shares which are the subject of this offer for sale will rank in full for all dividends hereafter declared, made or paid

INDEBTEDNESS

At the close of business on 19th April, 1985 the Holding Company and its subsidiary had outstanding £72,083 of hire purchase commitments.

Save as set out above the Holding Company and its subsidiary did not have at that date any loan capital (including term loans) outstanding or created but unissued, or any mortgages, charges, or any other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing, including bank overdrafts and liabilities under acceptances (other than normal trade bills) or acceptance credits, hire purchase commitments, or guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

On the same date the Holding Company and its subsidiary had balances with bankers amounting to £703,812 (which does not take account of uncleared cheques).

DEFINITIONS

"the Holding Company"	John Perkins Meats PLC
"the Company"	John Perkins (Meat Packers) Limited
"the Group"	the Holding Company and the Company
"the Directors"	the directors of the Holding Company

KEY INFORMATION

The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of this document.

BUSINESS

The principal business of the Company is the boning and packing of beef and the management and operation of an abattoir and a refrigerated transport fleet.

TRADING RECORD

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Turnover	10,978	9,933	14,728	15,142	15,163
Pretax profit/(loss)	(56)	73	519	475	614
Profit/(loss) after taxation	(34)	49	259	272	388

PROFIT FORECAST

£580,000 before tax but after a depreciation charge increased by £98,000 for the year ending 28th September, 1985.

OFFER FOR SALE STATISTICS

Price per Ordinary Share of 10p	41p
Ordinary Shares in issue following the offer for sale	9,600,000
Market Capitalisation at the offer for sale price	£3.94m
Forecast Earnings per share:	
• after estimated tax charge of 37 per cent.	3.8p
• after notional tax charge of 42½ per cent.	3.5p
Forecast Price Earnings ratio:	
• after estimated tax charge of 37 per cent.	10.8
• after notional tax charge of 42½ per cent.	11.7
Net Dividend per share:	
• forecast final dividend for the 52 week period ending 28th September, 1985	1.2p
Prospective Gross Dividend Yield:	
at the offer for sale price assuming a tax credit of 3/7ths:–	
• on the basis of the current year forecast final dividend of 1.2p	4.2%
• on the basis of a notional full year's dividend of 1.8p	6.3%
Dividend Cover:	
• based on the indicated level of annual dividends and earnings of 3.8p per Ordinary Share	2.1 times
Pro Forma Net assets per share (note)	18.6p
Percentage of the enlarged issued share capital being offered for sale:	
• by the Holding Company	16.67%
• by existing shareholder	18.75%

Note: Pro forma net assets comprise the Group's net assets at 29th September, 1984, adjusted to include the estimated net proceeds of the offer for sale receivable by the Holding Company.

DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

Board of Directors	John Albert Perkins (Chairman), Gerald Keith Bond M. Inst M, Terence Anthony Atherton FAAI, SAT, MBIM, Sir Kenneth Johnston Sharp TD, MA, FCA, all of: Cornishway West, Galmington, Taunton, Somerset TA1 5NA.
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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

PART I

The following is a copy of a letter to Statham Duff Stoop dated 13th May, 1985 from Mr. John Perkins, Chairman of John Perkins Meats PLC.

Dear Sirs,

In connection with the offer for sale of 3,400,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each in the Holding Company, I am writing to provide you with the following information concerning the Holding Company and its subsidiary, John Perkins (Meat Packers) Limited.

INTRODUCTION

The Holding Company was incorporated on 21st March, 1985 as an investment company and on 25th April, 1985 acquired the whole of the issued share capital of the Company, which is its only asset.

The Company itself was incorporated on 17th August, 1972 to acquire the wholesale business that I had built up with my wife, Muriel, over the previous twenty years. My wife and I had realised, as a result of our extensive experience in the retail meat business, that there was great potential for creating a new business in the boning and meat packing industry but that this would only be successful if the operation could be carried out on a large scale. That was some 13 years ago and the Company has now developed to such a stage and position of strength in the market that I believe the Holding Company requires an Unlisted Securities Market designation and a modest injection of funds for the Group to make further significant progress. Coincident with these events, my wife, who has recently retired from the Group, is taking the opportunity to sell a portion of her shareholding. I will describe in this letter the history and business of the Group and, more importantly, outline my view of the future prospects.

HISTORY

In 1948 I opened my first retail butcher's shop in Taunton. As the business expanded other shops were opened and by 1958 a total of seven were in the chain. The business originally served retail customers only but gradually sales of red meat to the catering trade, particularly Berni Inns, Trophy Taverns and local steakhouses assumed greater importance. We found that meat could be prepared in bulk for these catering establishments and as a result both turnover and profits increased. The business thus extended its selling operation outside the Taunton area and eventually supplied customers in the catering trade from Plymouth to Birmingham. By 1976 the wholesale trade had eclipsed our retail business and as the leases on the shops expired they were not renewed.

It became apparent that to exploit fully the market potential for boned and packed meat the operation would have to be performed on a large scale. With this in mind, land was purchased in 1974 at Galmington, just outside Taunton, and with the assistance of a loan from Investors In Industry PLC, then called Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation Limited ("ICFC"), the present factory was built and opened in 1977. The main operation at that time continued to be the supply of red meat to the catering trade but soon after moving into the new factory, the boning and packing operation started and supplies to the catering trade were discontinued. The first major expansion of these operations occurred in 1982 when premises opposite the main factory were acquired and converted for use as an additional boning hall.

Throughout its history the Company has supplied meat to Smithfield Market. We have invested in our own transport fleet of articulated lorries with refrigerated trailers and now have a fleet of seven tractor units, ten 40-feet refrigerated trailers and two smaller rigid vehicles. The introduction of a transport division to the Company was a significant point in the history of the business since it removed our dependence on other hauliers for what is now a vital part of our organisation: flexibility in servicing the delivery needs of our customers.

In 1983 an important step was taken when the Directors decided to undertake the re-design of the main boning hall with a view to satisfying EEC regulations. In the following year, the Company acquired the abattoir, equipment and property of Nether Stowey Meat Supply Ltd. from the liquidator of that company. This abattoir, situated at Bridgwater, is now a division of the Company and trading under the name of Bridgwater Beef Company. This acquisition represented a further important stage in our expansion programme, aimed at securing a regular source of red meat for the Galmington plant, and was part of a planned diversification within the meat trades.

MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

Until now I have run the Company as Chairman supported by six other executive directors including my wife Muriel and daughter Alison, who have both recently resigned their positions as directors. Upon the formation of the Group, I became Chairman of the Holding Company and two of the Company's executive directors also joined the Holding Company board. Sir Kenneth Sharp has since joined in a non-executive capacity.

The Directors of the Holding Company are:–

John Perkins (aged 66) I am Chairman and founder of the Group. Over the last 40 years I have been engaged in many aspects of the meat trade but have now delegated my executive duties to other members of the board as I have taken up residence in Jersey.

Gerald Bond (aged 38) is the Managing Director of the Company. He is the son of a farmer and obtained general experience of the meat trade before joining the Company in 1977 as an instructor in the new boning operation. In 1979 he was awarded membership of the Institute of Meat for services to the meat trade and was appointed to the board of the Company in 1981, becoming managing director in 1984. Since he became a director, Gerald, who has overall control of production, has made a significant contribution to the Company's profitability through his management of the purchasing of carcasses and animals, the re-design of the main boning hall and management of the abattoir.

Terry Atherton (aged 52) is finance director and company secretary. Before joining the Company in 1977, he was the management accountant of a subsidiary of the Cadbury Schweppes group from 1969 to 1977. He was appointed to the board of the Company in 1980. He is responsible for Group budgets, monthly management accounts, quarterly and annual accounts, and monthly reports which are considered by the board. It is his financial control routines which make a major contribution to the effective and profitable management of the business.

Sir Kenneth Sharp (aged 58) is a partner in Howard Tilly & Co., a national firm of Chartered Accountants, based in the firm's London, Sherborne and Yeovil offices. From 1955 to 1975 he was a partner in Armstrong Watson & Co., Chartered Accountants, in Cumbria. During this period he held directorships in two companies engaged in the meat trade. In 1974-75 he was President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and from 1975 to 1983 he was Head of the Government Accountancy Service. He is currently a non-executive director of several companies.

The following are key members of our management team:–

Harold Ratcliffe (aged 48) is the sales director of the Company. Before joining the Company in 1977 he was in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries from 1961 to 1971 and with Associated British Foods from 1972 to 1977, where he was a regional meat executive. He was appointed to the board of the Company in 1978.

Ian Parkinson (aged 36) is the transport director of the Company. He has always worked in the road haulage industry and his experience of the meat trade began in 1971 at the Bolton abattoir. He joined the Company in 1977 and was appointed to the board of the Company in 1981. He has a certificate of Professional Competence in Road Haulage and the Company's transport operating licence is in his name.

Two managers directly responsible to Gerald Bond run the boning hall and the abattoir.

At 30th April, 1985 the Group had a workforce (excluding management) of 122, as follows:–

Inspectors and Quality Controllers	14
Production	74
Transport	13
Sales and Administration	21
	122

The Company enjoys a good relationship with all members of the workforce. There is a degree of flexibility in the workforce as the Company is able to engage the services of extra self-employed boners as necessary. In addition to the above, at 30th April, 1985 there were 29 self-employed boners.

PREMISES

At the present time the Group conducts its business from three freehold properties in the county of Somerset. The administrative offices and boning and packing plants are situated on two neighbouring sites occupying just over one acre on the outskirts of Taunton with approximately 28,000 square feet of factory space and 2,100 square feet of offices. The abattoir is situated adjacent to the Bridgwater cattle market on a site of approximately 1.2 acres; the buildings provide approximately 9,200 square feet of covered area which includes 300 square feet of offices.

The Taunton and Bridgwater sites are well situated for road transport operations since both are close to access points on the M5 motorway. A valuation by Lalonde Brothers & Parham, Surveyors, prepared for the purpose of the 1984 statutory accounts, valued the three properties at £500,000. Details of the valuers' report are given in Part V of this prospectus.

BUSINESS

The principal business of the Company is the boning and packing of beef and the operation and management of an abattoir and a refrigerated transport fleet.

Customers

The Company has a wide spread of customers with no one customer accounting for a significant proportion of its turnover. Supplies are made direct to Smithfield Market traders and to a wide spread of trade customers, including the following major food customers:–

Anglian Tendabeef Co. Limited	Henry Telfer Limited
Batchelors Foods Limited	Tiffany Foods Limited
McKey Food Service Limited	Unger Meats Limited
Ross Foods Limited	Robert Wilson & Sons (Est. 1849) Ltd
E.T. Sutherland & Son PLC	

It is intended to add to this range of customers by selling overseas within the EEC and to the Middle East and North Africa when the current programme of factory improvements has been completed. This is described below.

Supply

To provide the raw material for the packing plant we purchase carcass meat from a wide range of sources throughout the British Isles and the Company is not dependent on any particular supplier. Now that we have acquired the abattoir at Bridgwater, this business provides approximately 15 per cent. of our meat requirements and is now making a contribution to profits.

Production

The Company's production facilities are located at two neighbouring sites on the Galmington Trading Estate, two miles west of Taunton on the A38. The boning hall in the main factory has a production capacity of 1,200 beef quarters per day. The smaller boning hall was acquired in 1982 and it now has a capacity of 400 beef quarters per day. Both halls operate one eight hour shift.

Efficient working standards within the boning halls are monitored by inspectors who examine both the deboned meat, to ensure good quality, and the bones themselves, to ensure that there is no excess meat remaining. All bones (other than marrow bones which are sold separately) are sold after being processed through a Proteon machine, which extracts a saleable meat paste.

We have always placed great emphasis on maintaining high standards of cleanliness in all production areas. In 1984 we re-designed the larger boning hall to meet the technical requirements of EEC hygiene regulations. The first phase of these improvements has been completed, and the second phase is scheduled for the current summer, when activity is traditionally at a lower level. I believe that production can be maintained during this period by alterations to the shift pattern.

As a further development, during the second phase of improvements we propose to construct a laboratory to enable us to monitor and control more efficiently hygiene standards throughout the factory. This represents an additional level of safeguard over and above that required by the EEC regulations and demonstrates the Company's intention to maintain its present high standards.

Private Aid

Farmers traditionally sell their cattle for slaughter at the end of the summer before feeding and winter shelter costs become too expensive. As a result, there tends to be a plentiful supply of beef on the market during the autumn. In an effort to maintain a consistent price level for meat throughout the year, the British Government offers private aid subsidies (subject to certain considerations, in particular minimum storage period) at specific rates to encourage the storage of boxed beef for certain periods of time (contracts normally run for between four and six months) thereby removing surplus meat from the market in the autumn and releasing stored meat back onto the market when prices would otherwise be expected to rise in the spring.

Over the past five years, the Company has taken up private aid contracts to varying degrees and profits from this activity have been satisfactory. There is, however, an element of financial risk involved as meat prices could be lower at the time that the meat is released from storage than when the meat was purchased. In addition there are also storage and interest costs. Conversely, meat prices may rise resulting in a profit in addition to the receipt of the aid. The Directors review the position in each year when the terms of private aid contracts are made known. During this period pre-tax profits derived from private aid have ranged between £12,000 and £54,000.

The minimum period of storage for which these contracts were offered in the autumn of 1984 was ten months. The Directors decided not to apply for any such contracts in the current year since they did not believe that the level of meat prices would enable the Company to make an acceptable margin of profit on contracts of this length.

Transport

The Company runs a modern, refrigerated transport fleet which is maintained by a local garage but under the planning and supervision of our own transport department. Priority is given to transporting the Company's own products but as the lorries are fully refrigerated, outside contract work for the transport of other perishable goods is undertaken on a commercial basis to maximise return loads for the vehicles.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

It is the Directors' intention that the Company should continue its planned programme of expansion primarily within the meat trade as we believe this to be the best prospect for profit growth. We have plans in hand to carry out some improvements to the abattoir at Bridgwater by the installation of mechanised handling equipment. We expect this will raise the capacity of this plant to approximately 100 carcasses per day from the present 40 carcasses. There is thus considerable scope for an increased contribution to profits from this operating unit.

I have already described the improvements we are planning for the main Taunton boning plant, which are intended to ensure that the facilities, together with the equipment for chilling and freezing meat, will be of the highest standard. Once we comply fully with EEC regulations, which is anticipated to be by the end of 1985, new markets will be opened to the Company throughout all EEC countries and also in North Africa and the Middle East.

Our first priority is to maximise the use we can make of our existing premises. The Directors' aim is to expand the Group by acquisition, should suitable opportunities present themselves, for the purpose of strengthening our market position and broadening the base of our business.

PROFIT RECORD

The results of the Company for the five years ended 29th September, 1984, which have been extracted from the Accountants' Report in Part II of this prospectus, are summarised below:–

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Turnover	10,978	9,933	14,728	15,142	15,163
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	(56)	73	519	475	614
Profit/(Loss) after taxation	(34)	49	259	272	388

Since 1980, (a particularly difficult year for the meat trade) the Company has had a good record of profits growth. Implementation of new buying policies in 1981 resulted in an improvement in margins, which returned the Company to profits despite a small drop in turnover. The marked increase in turnover during 1982 resulted from the Company's increased production capacity and successful extension of sales; at this time the Company also began to sell directly to national manufacturers and hence benefited from the consumer change to convenience foods. This business generated an additional contribution which, together with the improved margins achieved, led to a significant increase in profits. In 1984 profits grew as a result of favourable buying conditions and a contribution from private aid contracts.

PROFIT FORECAST AND DIVIDEND

Profit Forecast

My fellow directors and I forecast a pre-tax profit for the current trading year, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, of approximately £580,000. Although this is slightly lower than the profit achieved in the year ended 29th September 1984, our forecast takes into account a depreciation charge of £238,000, which is £98,000 more than the previous year's charge. This increased charge has arisen because the Company has incurred or plans significant capital expenditure of about £900,000 to enable the premises to meet EEC regulations. The Directors are confident that the benefit of this capital expenditure will be enjoyed in the future when the Company expects to develop the untapped markets which will then be open to it.

On the basis of this forecast and an estimated tax charge of 37 per cent., providing that rates of Corporation Tax will continue to be the same as contained in the current Finance Bill, the earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders for the year will amount to not less than £365,000 which is equivalent to 3.8p per ordinary share (based on the enlarged share capital) and will represent a price earnings ratio of 10.8 times at the offer price of 41p. This forecast is made on the basis of the assumptions set out in Part IV on page 15 of this prospectus.

I should also point out that the seasonal nature of our business means that the results for the first six months of our financial year are usually higher than for the second six months.

JOHN PERKINS MEATS PLC *(continued)*

Dividend

It is the Directors' intention that ordinary shareholders should receive a dividend in respect of the current year. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances we intend to recommend a final dividend of not less than 1.2p per share for the 52 week period ending 29th September, 1985 which will be payable in February, 1986. With the associated tax credit of 3/7ths, this will represent a gross dividend yield of 4.2 per cent. at the offer for sale price. In future years the Holding Company would intend paying an interim dividend in August and a final dividend in February. If the Ordinary shares of the Holding Company had been dealt in on the Unlisted Securities Market for the whole of the year ending 28th September, 1985, the Directors would have expected to recommend (on the basis of anticipated profits) dividends in respect of the year totalling 1.8p net per Ordinary share. Such dividends would be covered 2.1 times by forecast earnings of 3.8p per Ordinary share. With the associated tax credit of 3/7ths, the notional full year's dividend of 1.8p per share would represent a gross dividend yield of 6.3 per cent. at the offer for sale price.

REASONS FOR THE OFFER FOR SALE

When the factory at Galmington was built in 1976, it was funded partly through a loan from ICFC of £142,000. Subsequent growth in the Company has been funded from internal cash flow and the loan has been repaid. The Group has now grown to a stage where, the Directors believe, it requires a larger capital base if it is to achieve the plans for expansion which we have in mind. We are therefore raising new share capital of £437,000 net through this offer for sale for the benefit of the Group to provide finance for capital expenditure on the modernisation and upgrading of the facilities at both the Taunton and Bridgwater sites, to improve productivity and, where appropriate, to provide working capital for the increased business which we are now undertaking and particularly to reduce overdrafts during the months of maximum activity.

At the same time as the Holding Company is issuing new equity, my wife Muriel is taking the opportunity to reduce her shareholding from 3,804,000 Ordinary Shares to 2,004,000 Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 20.9 per cent. of the enlarged equity.

The existing shareholders and the Directors have all given an undertaking to Statham Duff Stoop not to dispose of any shares in the Holding Company for at least one year after this offer for sale. The total shareholdings of myself and family and the Directors (assuming the Directors' applications are satisfied in full) after the offer for sal will amount to 6,205,000 Ordinary Shares, 64.64 per cent. of the Holding Company's enlarged issued share capital.

Yours faithfully,

John Perkins

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

PART II

The following is a copy of a joint report to the Directors of the Holding Company and to the Partners of Statham Duff Stoop made by Dearden Farrow Chartered Accountants, and Albert Goodman & Co., Chartered Accountants.

The Directors,
John Perkins Meats PLC,
Cornishway West,
Galmington,
Taunton,
Somerset TA1 5NA.

The Partners,
Statham Duff Stoop,
Capital House,
22 City Road,
London EC1Y 2AJ.

13th May 1985

Gentlemen,

PART A: JOHN PERKINS MEATS PLC

John Perkins Meats PLC ("the Holding Company") was incorporated on 21st March, 1985 with the name Watling (116) PLC which was subsequently changed to its present name by special resolution passed on 4th April, 1985.

The Holding Company was incorporated with an authorised share capital of £100,000 divided into 100,000 shares of £1 each of which two were issued fully paid on incorporation.

On 25th April, 1985 each of the existing authorised shares of £1 each were sub-divided into 10 shares of 10p each and the authorised share capital was increased to £420,000 by the creation of 3,200,000 ordinary shares of 10p each. On the same date 4,199,980 ordinary shares of 10p each were issued in satisfaction of the acquisition of the whole of the share capital of John Perkins (Meat Packers) Limited ("the Company").

On 10th May, 1985 the authorised share capital was increased to £1,500,000 by the creation of 10,800,000 ordinary shares of 10p each. Following a revaluation of its investment in the Company, the Holding Company allotted, by way of capitalisation of £380,000 of the reserves arising, 3,800,000 ordinary shares of 10p each. Pursuant to the offer for sale arrangements, the Holding Company provisionally allotted 1,600,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each to Stoop and Company Nominees Limited at a price of 41p each.

In addition, since incorporation, the Holding Company has:

1. Entered into service contracts with certain directors.
2. Conditionally approved a share option scheme.
3. Entered into a contract for the services of Sir Kenneth Sharp as a non-executive Director of the Holding Company with Howard Tilly and Co.
4. Entered into an Offer for Sale Agreement with, inter alios, Statham Duff Stoop.

Apart from the above, the Holding Company has not traded, paid any dividends or prepared any audited accounts since incorporation.

PART B: JOHN PERKINS (MEAT PACKERS) LIMITED

1. Introduction

We have examined the audited accounts of the Company for the five years ended 29th September, 1984. The accounts of the Company have been audited by Messrs. Albert Goodman & Co., Chartered Accountants, whose audit reports in respect of the period covered by this report were unqualified.

The information set out below has been extracted from the audited accounts of the Company which have been prepared under the historical cost convention subject to the revaluation of freehold land and buildings. The only adjustment made has been to the 1980 tax charge.

In our opinion the information shown below gives a true and fair view of the profits and source of application of funds of the Company for the five years ended 29th September, 1984 and of the state of affairs at each of the balance sheet dates covered by this report.

2. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in relation to items which are considered material to the accounts of the Company.

Turnover is the invoice value of sales exclusive of VAT.

Depreciation

Freehold Land	— not depreciated
Buildings	— 2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	— 25% straight line
General Machinery and Equipment	— 20% straight line
Protecon Equipment	— by instalments over the estimated useful life to reduce to residual value.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value with due provision for deterioration, calculated on the first in, first out, basis.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the full liability method on the difference between the tax written down value and book value of certain assets. Deferred taxation is not provided on industrial buildings subject to claims for Industrial Buildings Allowance.

3. Profit and loss accounts

The profit and loss accounts of the Company in respect of the period covered by this report, are as follows—

	Notes	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Turnover		10,978	9,933	14,728	15,142	15,163
Cost of sales		10,353	9,172	13,311	13,663	13,455
		625	761	1,417	1,479	1,708
Distribution costs		(166)	(189)	(215)	(117)	(132)
Administration costs		(435)	(439)	(615)	(818)	(921)
Interest receivable		—	—	—	—	9
Interest payable	(4.2)	(80)	(60)	(68)	(69)	(50)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	(4.1)	(56)	73	519	475	614
Taxation	(4.3)	(22)	24	260	203	226
		(34)	49	259	272	388
Dividend (£1 per share)		—	—	—	—	20
Retained profit/(Loss)		(34)	49	259	272	368
Balance brought forward		405	371	420	679	951
Balance carried forward		371	420	679	951	1,319
Earnings per share after taxation		(£1.70)	£2.45	£12.95	£13.60	£19.40

4. Notes to the profit and loss accounts

4.1 Profit before taxation

This has been arrived at after charging—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Plant and Machinery hire	31	35	52	40	30
Depreciation	75	77	94	149	140
Directors' remuneration	57	60	176	167	239
Auditors' remuneration	5	4	6	7	8

4.2 Interest payable

This comprises—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	44	32	39	35	16
Long term loans and debentures	17	15	13	10	7
Hire purchase	19	13	16	24	27
	80	60	68	69	50

4.3 Taxation

This comprises—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Current year					
Corporation tax	—	—	125	192	193
Deferred taxation	(22)	24	135	11	33
	(22)	24	260	203	226

5. Balance sheets

The balance sheets of the Company as at the respective dates, are as follows:—

	Notes	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	(6.1)	588	518	696	798	1,153
Current assets						
Stocks		246	315	749	611	558
Debtors	(6.2)	890	1,089	1,317	1,329	1,305
Bank and cash		1	1	1	1	137
		1,137	1,405	2,067	1,941	2,000
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(6.3)	1,186	1,331	1,730	1,416	1,493
		(49)	74	337	525	507
Noncurrent liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(6.4)	129	109	156	163	89
Provision for deferred taxation		17	41	176	187	220
		146	150	332	350	309
		393	442	701	973	1,351
Share capital	(6.6)	20	20	20	20	20
Share premium		2	2	2	2	2
Revaluation reserve		—	—	—	—	10
Profit and loss account		371	420	679	951	1,319
		393	442	701	973	1,351

6. Notes to the balance sheets

6.1 Fixed assets

These comprise—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Cost or valuation					
Freehold Land and Buildings	361	365	365	425	520
Plant	298	304	467	512	819
Motor Vehicles	101	81	198	330	379
	760	750	1,030	1,267	1,718
Cumulative depreciation	172	232	334	469	565
Net book amount	588	518	696	798	1,153

The freehold land and buildings were valued at £500,000 on 29th September, 1984 by Messrs. Lalonde Brothers & Parham, Surveyors on the basis of an open market valuation with existing use for the factories, and depreciated replacement cost for the abattoir.

6.2 Debtors

These comprise—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Trade debtors	836	895	1,180	1,145	1,269
Other debtors and prepayments	54	194	137	184	36
	890	1,089	1,317	1,329	1,305

6.3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

These comprise—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Corporation tax	—	—	124	194	203
Trade creditors	792	964	1,085	855	914
Secured loans and debentures	249	231	14	14	14
Secured bank loans and overdrafts	—	—	272	173	7
Hire purchase	109	48	67	94	90
Proposed dividend	—	—	—	—	20
Other creditors and accruals	36	88	168	86	246
	1,186	1,331	1,730	1,416	1,493

6.4 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

These comprise—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Secured loans and debentures	97	78	45	28	14
Secured bank loans	—	—	—	40	32
Hire purchase	—	—	113	95	43
Loans from directors and related companies	32	31	—	—	—
	129	109	156	163	89

The related companies were wound-up following repayment of the loans.

6.5 Secured borrowings

Since 29th September, 1984 all secured loans, debentures and overdrafts have been repaid and all securities connected therewith released.

6.6 Share capital

This comprises—

	Authorised £	Allotted, issued and fully paid £
Convertible and Preferred Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	—
Ordinary shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
	25,000	20,000

7. Source and application of funds

The source and application of funds statements of the Company in respect of the periods covered by this report, are as follows:—

	1980 £'000	1981 £'000	1982 £'000	1983 £'000	1984 £'000
Source of funds					
Net profit/(Loss) before taxation	(56)	73	519	475	614
Depreciation	76	79	96	150	146
Generated from operations	20	152	615	625	760
Net book amounts of fixed assets disposed of	7	17	11	7	23
Bank loans advanced	—	—	—	52	—
Total sources	27	169	626	684	783
Applications of funds					
Loan repayments	(26)	(20)	(24)	(52)	(22)
Additions to fixed assets	(110)	(26)	(285)	(259)	(514)
Taxation paid	—	—	—	(124)	(184)
Movement in working capital	(109)	123	321	249	63
Represented by:					
(Decrease)/Increase in stocks	(18)	69	434	(138)	(53)
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	(222)	199	228	12	(24)
Decrease/(Increase) in creditors (excluding taxation and dividend)	166	(163)	(300)	270	(162)
Decrease/(Increase) in bank overdrafts, loans and balances	(35)	18	(41)	105	302
	(109)	123	321	249	63

8. Accounts

The above summaries are not full accounts within the meaning of Section 11 of the Companies Act 1981. Full accounts for the five years to 29th September, 1984 have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

No audited accounts of the Company have been prepared in respect of any period subsequent to the 29th September, 1984.

Yours faithfully,

Dearden Farrow. Albert Goodman & Co.

PRO-FORMA BALANCE SHEET

PART III

The following is a consolidated pro-forma balance sheet of the Group as at 29th September, 1984. It includes a notional balance sheet of the Holding Company taking into account the following:—

(a) the issue of 4,199,980 Ordinary shares of 10p each in consideration for the acquisition of the Company;
(b) the revaluation of the Holding Company's investment in the Company;
(c) the issue of 3,800,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each by way of a capitalisation issue;
(d) the subscription for 1,600,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each at 41p per share;
(e) anticipated expenses (exclusive of VAT) of the offer for sale amounting to £219,000.

	£000	£000
Fixed Assets (tangible)		1,155
Current Assets		
Stocks	558	
Debtors	1,305	
Cash	574	
	2,457	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1,493	
Net current assets		944
Total assets less current liabilities		2,097
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	89	
Provision for deferred taxation	220	
		309
		1,788
Shareholders' funds		
Share Capital		960
Share Premium		277
Revaluation Reserve		12
Profit and Loss Account		539
		1,788

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PROFIT FORECAST

PART IV

1. Bases and Principal Assumptions

The profit forecast of the Group for the 52 week period ending 28th September, 1985 is based upon the unaudited results of the five months ended 28th February, 1985 and a forecast for the seven months to 28th September, 1985.

The principal assumptions that have been made in arriving at the forecast insofar as it relates to the seven months to 28th September, 1985 are that:

1. Seasonal Factors
There will be no change in the seasonal pattern of demand in the market place or in the availability of supplies from that experienced in recent years.

2. Industrial Disputes
There will be no material disruption of the Group's business due to industrial disputes.

3. Government Policy
There will be no changes in either UK Government or EEC policies concerning the supply or sale of beef which will detrimentally affect the Group.

2. Letters

The following are copies of letters from the joint reporting accountants, Albert Goodman & Co., and Dearden Farrow, and from Statham Duff Stoop concerning the profit forecast of the Group:—

(i) From Albert Goodman & Co. and Dearden Farrow

The Directors,
John Perkins Meats PLC,
Cornishway West,
Galmington,
Taunton,
Somerset TA1 5NA.

The Partners,
Statham Duff Stoop,
Capital House,
22 City Road,
London EC1Y 2AJ.

13th May, 1985

Dear Sirs,

John Perkins Meats PLC and John Perkins (Meat Packers) Limited ("the Group")

We have reviewed the accounting policies and calculations for the profit forecast of the Group (for which you as Directors are solely responsible) for the 52 week period to 28th September, 1985 as set out in the prospectus document of John Perkins Meats PLC dated 13th May, 1985.

In our opinion the profit forecast so far as the accounting policies and calculations are concerned has been properly compiled on the basis of the assumptions made by the Directors set out in the prospectus document and is presented on a basis consistent with the accounting policies normally adopted by the Group.

Yours faithfully,

Albert Goodman & Co. Dearden Farrow

(ii) From Statham Duff Stoop

The Directors,
John Perkins Meats PLC,
Cornishway West,
Galmington,
Taunton,
Somerset TA1 5NA

13th May, 1985.

Gentlemen,

We refer to the profit forecast for the 52 week period ending 28th September, 1985 set out in the prospectus document dated 13th May, 1985.

We have discussed this forecast and the bases and assumptions on which it is made with the Directors of John Perkins Meats PLC and we have considered the letter dated 13th May, 1985 addressed to yourselves from Albert Goodman & Co. and Dearden Farrow regarding the accounting policies and calculations for the forecasts.

As a result of these discussions and in the light of the said letter from Albert Goodman & Co. and Dearden Farrow we consider that the profit forecast, for which you as Directors are solely responsible, has been made after due and careful enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

Statham Duff Stoop

FURTHER INFORMATION

PART V

1. The Holding Company and its share capital

(a) The Holding Company was incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981 on 21st March, 1985 (Registration Number 1898195) as a Public Limited Company with the name Watling (116) PLC. On 4th April, 1985 the name of the Holding Company was changed to John Perkins Meats PLC.

(b) The Holding Company was incorporated with an authorised share capital of £100,000 divided into 100,000 shares of £1 each, of which two were issued fully paid on incorporation.

(c) By or pursuant to Resolutions passed on 25th April, 1985 by the Holding Company in General Meeting:—
- (i) each of the existing shares of £1 each were sub-divided into ten shares of 10p each which were redesignated as Ordinary Shares of 10p each;
- (ii) the authorised share capital was increased from £100,000 to £420,000 by the creation of 3,200,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each;
- (iii) the Directors were authorised to allot and issue credited as fully paid 4,199,980 Ordinary Shares of 10p each in exchange for 20,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each in the Company pursuant to the Letter of Offer and Acceptance referred to in sub-paragraph 5(d) below;
- (iv) new Articles of Association were adopted.

(d) By or pursuant to Resolutions passed on 10th May, 1985 by the Holding Company in General Meeting:—
- (i) the authorised share capital was increased from £420,000 to £1,500,000 by the creation of 10,800,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each;
- (ii) the sum of £380,000 (being part of the amount standing to the credit of the Holding Company's Revaluation Reserve) was capitalised and applied in paying up in full and allotting and distributing credited as fully paid 3,800,000 new Ordinary Shares of 10p each pro rata to the holders of the Ordinary Shares of 10p each in issue on such date;
- (iii) the Directors were generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 14 of the Companies Act 1980 to allot relevant securities (as defined in that Section) limited to a maximum of £388,000 of the nominal amount of the share capital of the Holding Company such authority expiring on the date of the Holding Company's Annual General Meeting to be held in the calendar year 1986;
- (iv) the Directors were empowered pursuant to Section 18 of the Companies Act 1980 to allot equity securities for cash (as defined in Section 17 of that Act) pursuant to the authority referred to in sub-paragraph (iii) above as if Section 17(1) of that Act did not apply. This power expires on the date of the Holding Company's Annual General Meeting to be held in the calendar year 1986 and is limited to:—
  1. the allotment of shares to or to the order of Statham Duff Stoop pursuant to the agreement referred to in paragraph 2 below;
  2. allotments in connection with rights issues; and
  3. the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to 1 or 2 above) of a maximum of five per cent. of the nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Holding Company;
- (v) pursuant to the Offer for Sale agreement referred to in paragraph 2 below 1,600,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each were provisionally allotted to Stoop and Company Nominees Limited at a price of 41p per share payable in accordance with the terms of such agreement.

(e) Save as disclosed in sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) above, since the date of incorporation of the Holding Company:—
- (i) there has been no alteration in the share capital of the Holding Company nor any material alteration in the capital of any of its subsidiaries;
- (ii) no share or loan capital of the Holding Company has been issued or agreed to be issued for cash or otherwise and no material share or loan capital of any of its subsidiaries has been issued or agreed to be issued for cash or otherwise;
- (iii) except pursuant to the offer for sale agreement referred to in paragraph 2 below, no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have been granted by the Holding Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the issue or sale of any share or loan capital;
- (iv) save as disclosed in paragraph 7 below, no capital of the Holding Company nor any of its subsidiaries is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option.

(f) Immediately following the offer for sale the authorised share capital of the Holding Company will be £1,500,000 divided into 15,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each of which 9,600,000 will have been issued. Following the offer for sale, no issue of shares will be made which would effectively alter the control of the Holding Company or the nature of its business without the prior approval of the Holding Company in General Meeting.

2. Offer for Sale Agreement

(a) Under the material contract mentioned in sub-paragraph 5(g) below Statham Duff Stoop have agreed, subject, inter alia, to The Council of The Stock Exchange granting permission for the Ordinary Shares of the Company to be dealt in on the Unlisted Securities Market, to arrange for the purchase of 1,800,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each of the Holding Company from Mrs. Muriel Perkins at 41p per share and arrange for the subscription of 1,600,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each at 41p per share, in each case free of stamp duty and registration fees. Under this contract Statham Duff Stoop will receive a fee from the Holding Company.

(b) The Holding Company will pay all the costs and expenses of and incidental to the offer for sale (save for £15,000 payable by Mrs. Muriel Perkins) including the costs of the capitalisation issue, capital duty, stamp duty, advertising, accountancy and legal fees, the above mentioned fee to Statham Duff Stoop and all printing costs. In addition Statham Duff Stoop will be paid an underwriting commission of 2 per cent. (exclusive of VAT) out of which Statham Duff Stoop will pay sub-underwriting commissions. Such aggregate costs and expenses are estimated to amount to £219,000 (exclusive of VAT).

3. Directors' and Other Interests

The interests of the Directors (and their families) in the issued share capital of the Holding Company immediately after the offer for sale as they will appear in the register maintained under the provisions of the Companies Act 1967 will be as follows.—

(a)

	Ordinary Shares	%
John Albert Perkins	5,400,000	56.250
Gerald Keith Bond	800,000	8.333

Mr. Perkins, as trustee of a settlement for the benefit of his daughter, will be interested in 4.166 per cent. of the Holding Company's issued share capital amounting to 400,000 Ordinary Shares (this shareholding is included in the above table). Mrs. Muriel Perkins' holding of 2,004,000 Ordinary Shares (20.875 per cent.) is also included, within that of Mr. Perkins, in the above table. Apart from the said 4.166 per cent. shareholding all the Directors' interests referred to above are beneficial.

Mr. Perkins holds one Ordinary Share of £1 in the Company as nominee for the Holding Company.

The interests shown above do not include any shares which may be allotted to the Directors pursuant to any application by them in the offer for sale or in respect of which the Directors intend to grant options under the Share Option Scheme specified in paragraph 7 below.

(b) Mr. Atherton intends to apply for 3,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each under this offer for sale. Assuming his application is satisfied in full, Mr. Atherton will hold 3,000 Ordinary Shares (0.003 per cent. of the Holding Company's issued share capital).

(c) Sir Kenneth Sharp intends to apply for 2,000 ordinary shares of 10p each under this offer for sale. Assuming his application is satisfied in full, Sir Kenneth will hold 2,000 ordinary shares (0.002 per cent. of the Holding Company's issued share capital).

(d) The Directors are not aware of any shareholding (other than as set out above) which following this offer for sale will represent five per cent. or more of the Holding Company's issued share capital or of any other persons who directly or indirectly jointly or severally exercise or could exercise control over the Holding Company.

(e) There are no outstanding loans granted by either member of the Group to any of the Directors nor any guarantees provided by either member of the Group for their benefit.

(f) There are no arrangements in existence under which future dividends are to be waived or agreed to be waived.

(g) Save as disclosed in sub-paragraphs 1(c) and 5(d) where (inter alios) Messrs. Perkins and Bond exchanged their shareholdings in the Company for Ordinary Shares in the Holding Company, none of the Directors has any direct or indirect interest in, or in the promotion of, any assets which during the two years immediately preceding the date of this prospectus have been acquired or disposed of by or leased to or from the Holding Company or the Company or are proposed to be acquired or disposed of by or leased to or from the Holding Company or the Company.

(h) None of the Directors is materially interested in any contract or arrangement subsisting at the date of this prospectus which is significant in relation to the business of the Holding Company and the Company taken as a whole.

4. Articles of Association of the Holding Company

On 25th April, 1985 new Articles of Association of the Holding Company which contain, inter alia, provisions to the following effect were adopted:—

(a) Voting
On a show of hands every member who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative shall have one vote and on a poll every member shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder, save that a member shall not be entitled to exercise such right to vote if he or any person appearing to be interested in shares held by him has been duly served with a notice under Section 74 of the Companies Act 1981 (requiring disclosure of interests in shares) and has failed to supply the Holding Company with the requisite information within 28 days.

(b) Variation of rights and alteration of capital
Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1983 the rights attached to any class may be varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of the relevant class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate General Meeting of the holders of the shares of the class. To every such separate General Meeting the provisions of the Articles relating to General Meetings shall apply but the necessary quorum at any such meeting other than an adjourned meeting shall be two persons together holding or representing by proxy at least one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class in question.

(c) Directors
(i) Unless otherwise determined by the Holding Company in General Meeting the number of Directors shall be not less than two.
(ii) No shareholding qualification is required by a Director.
(iii) Directors' fees shall not exceed £50,000 in aggregate per annum or such larger amount as may be determined from time to time by the Holding Company in General Meeting and such remuneration shall be divided between the Directors as they may agree or failing agreement equally. The Directors shall also be entitled to be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the discharge of their duties or the business of the Holding Company.
(iv) The Directors may grant extra remuneration to any Director who devotes special attention to the business of the Holding Company or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director.
(v) The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their number to be the holder of any Executive office on such terms as they think fit and may revoke or vary such appointment. The appointment of a Director to any Executive office as aforesaid shall automatically be terminated if he ceases for any reason to be a Director. Any revocation or termination of such appointment shall be without prejudice to any claim for breach of any contract between the Director and the Holding Company. The Director so appointed shall not be subject to retirement by rotation and shall not be taken into account in determining the rotation of Directors and shall receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary commission participation in profits and partly in one way and partly in another or others or otherwise) as the Directors may determine.
(vi) Section 185 of the Companies Act 1948 relating to the appointment retirement and re-election of Directors who have reached the age of 70 years shall not apply to the Holding Company.
(vii) Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1983 no Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Holding Company either with regard to his tenure of any other office or place of profit or as vendor purchaser or otherwise and subject to the interest of the Director concerned being declared at a meeting of the Directors no such contract or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Holding Company in which any Director is in any way whether directly or indirectly interested shall be liable to be avoided nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable by reason of such Director holding that office to account to the Holding Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement.
(viii) The Directors may become or continue to be a director or other officer or a member of or otherwise interested in any other company promoted by the Holding Company or in which the Holding Company may be interested as a member or otherwise or which is a holding company of the Holding Company or a subsidiary of any such holding company and no such Director shall be accountable for any remuneration or any other benefits received by him as a Director or other officer or member of or from his interest in any such other company.
(ix) Save as otherwise provided in the Articles a Director shall not vote on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has any material interest or any conflicting duty (otherwise than by virtue of his interests in shares or debentures or other securities of or otherwise in or through the Holding Company) and shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is not entitled to vote. This prohibition shall not apply, inter alia, to:—
- (a) the giving to him of any security or indemnity in respect of money lent to or obligations incurred by him for the benefit of the Holding Company or any subsidiary;
- (b) the giving to a third party of a guarantee security or indemnity in respect of an obligation of the Holding Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director has assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly with others under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

(c) any proposal concerning an offer for any shares or debentures or other securities of the Holding Company or any of its subsidiaries for subscription or purchase in which offer he is or is to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting thereof;

(d) any proposals for a retirement benefit scheme which has been approved or is conditional upon approval by the Board of Inland Revenue for taxation purposes;

(e) any arrangement for the benefit of the employees under which the Director benefits in a similar manner to the employees and which does not accord to any Director as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the employees to which the arrangement relates; and

(f) any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested directly or indirectly whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise provided that he is not the holder of or beneficially interested in one per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company and is not interested in one per cent. or more of the voting rights of such company.

(d) Borrowing powers

(i) The Directors may exercise all powers of the Holding Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or part of its undertaking property assets and uncalled capital and to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt liability or obligation of the Holding Company or of any third party.

(ii) The Directors shall restrict the borrowings of the Holding Company and exercise all voting and other rights and powers of control exercisable by the Holding Company in relation to its subsidiaries so as to secure (as regards subsidiaries so far as by such exercise they can secure) that save with the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution no moneys shall be borrowed (as such expression is defined in the Articles) if the aggregate principal amount outstanding of all moneys borrowed by the Group (as defined in the Articles) then exercised or would as a result of such borrowing exceed an amount equal to three times the aggregate of the amount paid up on the share capital of the Holding Company and the total of the capital and revenue reserves of the Group (including any share premium account, capital redemption reserve and credit balance on the combined profit and loss account) but excluding sums set aside for taxation in subsidiaries of the Holding Company and deducting any debit balance on the combined profit and loss account.

5. Material Contracts

The following contracts, not being contracts in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by the Holding Company and the Company within the two years immediately preceding the date of this document and are, or may be, material:–

(a) a letter dated the 13th December, 1983 from the Company to its employee, Mr. N. Norie, whereby Mr. Norie became entitled (inter alia) to an annual bonus of one-half of one per cent. of the net profit before tax of the Company as therein defined. Mr. Norie's present salary is £11,550 per annum and his employment is terminable on one month's notice;

(b) an agreement dated the 23rd May, 1984 made between Malcolm Ellis Gork, the Liquidator of Nether Stowey Meat Supply Limited (1) and the Company (2) by which the Company agreed to purchase the freehold property plant and machinery vehicles and goodwill of the said Nether Stowey Meat Supply Limited for the price of £118,517.50 (inclusive of VAT);

(c) a letter dated 29th March, 1985 from the Company to its employee Mr. R. Duncton recording Mr. Duncton's existing entitlement to an annual bonus of one-half of one per cent. of the net profits of the Company as therein defined. Mr. Duncton's present salary is £11,500 per annum and his employment is terminable on one month's notice;

(d) a letter of offer and acceptance dated 25th April, 1985 by which the Holding Company agreed to purchase the whole of the issued share capital of 20,000 Ordinary £1 Shares in the Company in exchange for 4,190,980 Ordinary Shares of 10p each of the Holding Company acquired from Mr. & Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Bond and the Trustees of a settlement for the benefit of Miss Alison Perkins;

(e) a service agreement dated 7th May, 1985 and made between the Company and its director, Ian Parkinson, which is terminable by not less than 5 years prior written notice. The current salary (including director's fees) payable to Mr. Parkinson is £19,000 increasing to £22,500 from 30th September, 1985. From 30th September, 1986 and thereafter on 30th September each year his salary is subject to an increase at a percentage rate which shall be not less than the percentage increase in the Index of Retail Prices for the immediately preceding year. Mr. Parkinson is also entitled to an annual commission of an amount equal to 1½ per cent. of the net profit of the Company calculated as provided in the agreement. The Company also contributes to an individual Pension Contract for Mr. Parkinson underwritten by Yorkshire-General Life Assurance Company Ltd;

(f) a service agreement dated 7th May, 1985 and made between the Company and its director, Harold Ratcliffe, which is terminable by not less than 5 years prior written notice. The current salary (including director's fees) payable to Mr. Ratcliffe is £19,000 increasing to £22,500 from 30th September, 1985. From 30th September, 1986 and thereafter on 30th September each year his salary is subject to an increase at a percentage rate which shall be not less than the percentage increase in the Index of Retail Prices for the immediately preceding year. Mr. Ratcliffe is also entitled to an annual commission of an amount equal to 1½ per cent. of the net profit of the Company calculated as provided in the agreement. The Company also contributes to an individual Pension Contract for Mr. Ratcliffe underwritten by Yorkshire-General Life Assurance Company Ltd;

(g) an agreement dated 10th May, 1985 made between M. D. Perkins (1) the Directors (2) the Holding Company (3) Statham Duff Stoop (4) J. A. Perkins (5) G. D. Bond (6) J. A. Perkins, Mrs. M. D. Perkins and J. E. B. Kite (7) being the agreement under which Statham Duff Stoop have agreed to arrange for the purchase of 1,800,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each and arrange for the subscription of 1,600,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each of the Holding Company.

6. Directors' remuneration and service agreements

(a) The aggregate emoluments of the Directors of the Holding Company from the Group for the year ended 29th September, 1984 were £136,124 (including £52,398 by way of pension contributions) and it is anticipated that their remuneration for the year ending 28th September, 1985 will, under the arrangements in force at the date of this document, be approximately £106,317 (including £16,634 by way of pension contributions).

(b) On 7th May, 1985 the following executive Directors entered into service agreements with the Holding Company, each of which is terminable by the Holding Company or the Director by giving five years prior written notice. Particulars of these service agreements are as follows:–

	Current salary (excluding commission but including Director's fees)	Salary from 1st October, 1985 (excluding commission but including Director's fees)
Gerald Keith Bond	£30,000	£33,500
Terence Anthony Atherton	£20,000	£23,500

In addition to the current salaries specified above each of the above Directors is entitled to an annual commission of an amount equal to one and a half per cent. of the net profit before tax in excess of £160,000 of the Group calculated as provided in each agreement. Each agreement is available for inspection at the address specified in paragraph 14 below.

From 30th September, 1986 and thereafter annually on 30th September in each year of the agreement each salary is subject to an annual increase at a percentage rate which shall be not less than the percentage increase in the Index of Retail Prices for the immediately preceding year.

(c) Under each of the service agreements referred to in (b) above, the Holding Company contributes to an individual pension contract for each Director therein mentioned underwritten by the Yorkshire-General Life Assurance Company Ltd. Each pension contract is expected to provide a pension of two-thirds of final pensionable salary (excluding bonus) on attaining the age of sixty years. The present pensionable salary of Mr. Bond is £20,302 per annum, increasing from 1st October, 1985 to £21,825 per annum. The present pensionable salary of Mr. Atherton is £16,524 per annum, increasing from 1st October, 1985 to £17,763 per annum. The premiums are calculated by the Yorkshire-General Life Assurance Company Ltd. following submission of the relevant information by the Holding Company on an annual basis. Copies of each pension contract are available for inspection at the address specified in paragraph 14 below.

(d) On 7th May, 1985 Mr. Perkins entered into a service agreement with the Holding Company terminable on twelve months prior written notice, at an annual salary of £12,000.

(e) Save as disclosed above there are no existing or proposed service agreements between any of the Directors and the Holding Company or the Company.

(f) There is no arrangement under which a Director has agreed to waive future emoluments nor have there been any waivers of such emoluments during the past financial year.

7. Share Option Scheme

The John Perkins Share Option Scheme ("the Scheme") was established by the Holding Company on 25th April, 1985 and has been submitted to the Inland Revenue for approval under the Finance Act 1984.

The Scheme provides for the Directors to invite applications for the grant of options from Directors and employees of the Holding Company or any subsidiary who work at least 25 and 20 hours a week respectively, excluding meal breaks. The Directors have absolute discretion as to the persons nominated to apply for the grant of an option.

Options are normally exercisable between the third and tenth anniversary of the date of grant, if the participant remains in the employment of the Group. Options may be exercised earlier in certain circumstances in which the participant leaves the employment involuntarily, except in the case of dismissal. Options may also be exercised early in the event of the death of a participant and in the event of takeover, reconstruction or amalgamation or liquidation of the Holding Company or any subsidiary.

The aggregate subscription price of Ordinary Shares which may be acquired by a participant under options granted under the Scheme shall not exceed four times the participant's relevant earnings (as defined in the Scheme).

No options may be granted under the Scheme after 24th April, 1995. The aggregate number of Ordinary Shares which may be issued under the Scheme shall not exceed 288,000 ordinary 10p shares.

The consideration payable on the grant of an option is £1, and the amount payable per share on the exercise of an option will be fixed by the Directors before inviting application for the grant of an option, but as long as the shares in the Holding Company are not listed on The Stock Exchange, will be not less than the greater of the nominal value and the market value (as determined in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 and agreed by the Shares Valuation Division of the Inland Revenue on the day the invitation to apply for the option was issued).

The price at which options may be exercised and/or the number of Ordinary Shares the subject of options is subject to adjustment in the case of Rights or Capitalisation Issues, and reductions, consolidations or sub-division of the share capital of the Holding Company, in such manner (subject to the prior approval of the Inland Revenue as the Directors (with the concurrence of the auditors of the Holding Company that the adjustments are fair and reasonable) may deem appropriate.

The Directors may make such alterations to the rules of the Scheme as are necessary to obtain Revenue approval pursuant to the Finance Act 1984. Thereafter, amendments may only be made with the prior approval of the Inland Revenue. However, amendment may not detrimentally affect a subsisting option, and no amendment may be made which would make the terms on which options may be granted materially more generous or which would increase the number of shares over which the Directors might grant options without the prior approval of the Holding Company in general meeting.

Options are not transferable.

The Directors intend to invite applications for options totalling 100,000 Ordinary Shares (including 25,000 each for Mr. Bond and Mr. Atherton) within 28 days of the Scheme obtaining the approval of the Inland Revenue.

8. Employees' Pension Scheme

The Group operates a Pension Scheme through the Yorkshire-General Life Assurance Company Ltd., the membership of which is by the invitation of the Group. At the date hereof there are only four members. Premiums are calculated by the Yorkshire-General Life Assurance Company Ltd. following submission of the relevant information by the Group on an annual basis, and currently the premiums payable amount to less than £2,000 per annum. The Scheme is expected to provide a pension of one-eighteenth of a member's final pensionable salary for each complete year of pensionable service up to normal retirement date. A copy of the Scheme is available for inspection at the address specified in paragraph 14 below.

9. Premises

The Group's premises are as follows:–

Address	Description	Tenure	Valuation
Galmington Trading Estate, Taunton, Somerset.	Main factory and Group headquarters building	Freehold	£325,000
	Small boiling hall and offices	Freehold	£60,000
Cornishway West, Taunton, Somerset.	Slaughterhouse and cold stores	Freehold	£115,000
The Abattoir, Bridgwater Cattle Market, Bridgwater, Somerset.			

The above properties were valued as at 29th September, 1984 by Lalonde Brothers & Parham, Surveyors, of 64 Queen's Road, Bristol BS8 1RH on the basis of an open market valuation with existing use for factories and depreciated replacement cost for the abattoir.

In addition the Company occupies a car parking site on the Galmington Trading Estate under the terms of a lease from The South Western Electricity Board expiring on 31st August, 1985, at a rent of £2,200 per annum. The Directors are currently negotiating a renewal of this lease.

10. Working Capital

The Directors of the Holding Company are of the opinion that, taking into account the estimated net proceeds of the offer for sale of £437,000, the Group will have sufficient working capital for its present requirements.

11. Material Changes

There have been no material changes in the trading or financial position of the Group since 29th September, 1984.

12. Taxation

(a) Clearance has been obtained under the provisions of the Finance Act 1972, Sch 16 para 16 that no apportionment of income will arise.

(b) The present shareholders of the Holding Company have obtained clearance under Section 464 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 in respect of the reorganisation of the share capital of the Holding Company prior to the offer for sale.

(c) The present shareholders of the Holding Company have obtained clearance under Section 88 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 in respect of the exchange of shares by the shareholders of the Company for shares in the Holding Company effected on 25th April, 1985.

(d) Under the Offer for Sale Agreement referred to in paragraph 2 above, indemnities have been given by Mr. J. A. Perkins and Mrs. M. D. Perkins and by Mr. G. K. Bond to Statham Duff Stoop and to the Holding Company in respect of any depletion of the assets of the Holding Company by reason of capital transfer tax or taxation not provided for on the profits or gains in respect of accounting periods up to 29th September, 1984 and in respect of certain other transactions prior to the date of this document.

13. General

(a) Apart from the shares issued in the offer for sale, no material issue of shares (other than shares first offered to shareholders pro rata to existing shareholdings) will be made within one year of the date of this document without prior approval of the Holding Company in General Meeting. No issue will be made which would effectively alter the control of the Group or the nature of the Group's business without prior approval of the Holding Company in General Meeting.

(b) Neither the Holding Company nor the Company is, nor has in the twelve months prior to the date of this document been, engaged in or threatened with any litigation or arbitration which may have, or has had, a significant effect on the financial position of the Group and there is no such litigation or claim pending or threatened against the Holding Company or the Company.

(c) The Holding Company's only subsidiary is John Perkins (Meat Packers) Limited, which was incorporated on 17th August, 1972 with the name John Perkins (Butchers) Limited in England as a private limited company under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967. The Company's authorised share capital is £25,000 divided into 5,000 Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each, none of which have been issued, and 20,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, all of which have been issued and are fully paid and are beneficially owned by the Holding Company.

(d) Dearden Farrow have given and not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion therein of their joint report and their joint letter relating to the profit forecast and with the references thereto and to their name in the form and context in which they respectively appear.

(e) Albert Goodman & Co. have given and have not withdrawn their consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion therein of their joint report and joint letter relating to the profit forecast and with the references thereto and to their name in the form and context in which they respectively appear.

(f) Statham Duff Stoop have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document with their letter relating to the profit forecast and the references to their letter and name in the form and context in which they respectively appear.

(g) Lalonde Brothers & Parham, Surveyors, have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document with the references to their name and report in the form and context in which they respectively appear.

(h) The documents attached to the copies of this prospectus delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration were the consents referred to in sub-paragraphs (d), (e), (f) and (g) above and copies of the material contracts referred to in paragraph 5 above and the statement of adjustments relating to the joint accountants' report.

(i) The minimum amount which in the opinion of the Directors of the Holding Company must be raised by the issue of the Ordinary Shares now being offered for subscription is £220,000 which, in relation to the matters specified in paragraph (4)a of Part I of the Fourth Schedule of the Companies Act 1948, is made up as follows:–

(i) Property	Nil
(ii) Preliminary expenses	Nil
(iii) Repayments	Nil; and
(iv) Working capital	£220,000

Save for additional working capital to be generated out of cash flow, no amounts in respect of the above are to be provided otherwise than out of the proceeds of the issue. Preliminary expenses of £172.50 have been paid by Mr. Perkins.

(j) For the purposes of Section 50(1) of the Companies Act 1948 the subscription list in respect of the Ordinary Shares of 10p each which are the subject of the offer for sale will open at 10.00 a.m. on 22nd May, 1985 and may be closed at any time thereafter.

(k) The financial information contained in this document does not amount to full individual accounts within the meaning of Section 11 of the Companies Act 1981. Full individual accounts relating to each financial year of the Company to which the financial information relates have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The auditors have made a report under Section 14 of the Companies Act 1967 in respect of each such set of accounts and each such report was an unqualified report within the meaning of Section 43 of the Companies Act 1980.

(l) The Holding Company received a Certificate from the Registrar of Companies pursuant to Section 4 of the Companies Act 1980 on 3rd May, 1985 and commenced business on that date.

14. Documents available for inspection

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the offices of Herbert Smith & Co., Watling House, 35–37 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SD during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturday and public holidays excepted) until 4th June, 1985.–

(a) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Holding Company;

(b) the audited accounts of the Company for the years ended September 1982, 1983 and 1984;

(c) the joint Accountants' Report by Dearden Farrow and Albert Goodman & Co. and the statement of adjustments relating thereto;

(d) the rules of the John Perkins share option scheme;

(e) the material contracts referred to in paragraph 5 of this Part V;

(f) the service and other agreements referred to in paragraph 6 of this Part V;

(g) the written consents referred to in sub-paragraphs 13(d), (e), (f) and (g) of this Part V;

(h) the Employees' Pension Scheme referred to in paragraph 8 of this Part V; and

(i) the letters from Statham Duff Stoop, Dearden Farrow and Albert Goodman & Co. referred to or reproduced herein.

13th May, 1985

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

Requirement for Application.

1. Applications (other than employee applications) must be made on the Application Form overleaf which, together with a sterling cheque or banker's draft for the full amount payable on application should be delivered or posted to W. H. Stentiford & Co., 1 Love Lane, London EC2V 7JJ, so as to arrive not later than 10.00 a.m. on 22nd May, 1985. Photostat copies of Application Forms will not be accepted.
2. Application must be for a minimum of 500 shares and thereafter in multiples of 500 shares up to 2,000 shares, in multiples of 1,000 shares up to 5,000 shares, in multiples of 5,000 shares up to 20,000 shares, in multiples of 10,000 shares thereafter.
3. A separate sterling cheque or banker's draft must accompany each Application Form and must be drawn on a branch, in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, of a bank which is either a member of the London or Scottish Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques and banker's drafts to be cleared through the facilities provided for the members of those Clearing Houses. Each cheque or banker's draft must bear the appropriate sorting code number in the top right hand corner, and must be made payable to "W. H. Stentiford & Co." and crossed "Not Negotiable". An application will not be considered unless these conditions are fulfilled.
4. The right is reserved to present all cheques and banker's drafts for payment on receipt, to retain Letters of Acceptance and surplus application monies pending the clearance of all cheques and banker's drafts of successful applicants, to accept in part only or to reject or scale down applications and in particular, to reject multiple or suspected multiple applications. Due completion and delivery of an Application Form accompanied by a cheque or banker's draft will constitute a warranty that the cheque or banker's draft will be honoured on first presentation and attention is drawn to the declaration in the Application Form to that effect. Applications will be irrevocable.
5. No person receiving a copy of this document or an Application Form in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat the same as constituting an invitation to him, nor should he in any event use such Application Form, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation could lawfully be made to him and such Form could lawfully be used without compliance with any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom wishing to make application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith including obtaining any government or other consents which may be required or observing any other formalities needing to be observed in such territory.
6. Statham Duff Stoop ("SDS") will have complete discretion in deciding the basis of allocation. In so deciding SDS will have regard to the need to establish a satisfactory market in the shares, for which purpose a reasonable number of shareholders is required. The basis of allocation will be announced on or as soon as possible after 22nd May, 1985.
7. Preference will be given in respect of a maximum of 100,000 of the shares being offered for sale to applications made by employees of the Group on the special pink Employee Application Forms provided for this purpose. In the event of excess preferential applications being received from employees, the basis of allocation among them will be determined by SDS at its discretion.
8. If any application is not accepted, or is accepted for fewer shares than the number applied for, the application money or the balance of the amount paid in application will be returned by cheque through the post, in all cases without interest, at the risk of the applicant concerned.

General

9. The Offer for Sale and the acceptance of application is conditional on the Council of The Stock Exchange granting permission for the whole of the ordinary share capital of the Holding Company, issued and now being issued, to be dealt in on the Unlisted Securities Market not later than 14th June, 1985. Money paid in respect of all applications will be returned (without interest at the risk of the applicant concerned) if such permission is not granted and in the meantime will be retained by SDS in a separate account.
10. Renounceable Letters of Acceptance are expected to be sent to successful applicants on 29th May, 1985 and will be renounceable up to 9th August, 1985. The shares now being offered for sale will be registered free of stamp duty in the names of the purchasers or persons in whose favour Letters of Acceptance have been renounced, provided that, in the case of renunciation, Letters of Acceptance duly completed in accordance with the instructions contained therein are lodged for registration on or before 3.00 p.m. on 9th August, 1985. Share certificates will be despatched by first class post on or before 9th September, 1985.
11. Dealings in the Ordinary shares of the Holding Company are expected to commence on 30th May, 1985.

Copies of this document and Application Form can be obtained from:
Statham Duff Stoop,
Capital House,
22 City Road,
London EC1Y 2AJ.

APPLICATION FORM

The Application List for the Ordinary shares now offered for sale will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1985 and may be closed at any time thereafter

JOHN PERKINS MEATS PLC

(Incorporated in England under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981 No. 1898193)

OFFER FOR SALE

by

STATHAM DUFF STOOP

of 3,400,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each
at a price of 41p per share, payable in full on application

Example of amounts payable on application			
Shares	£	Shares	£
500	205	10,000	4,100
1,000	410	50,000	20,500
2,000	820	100,000	41,000
5,000	2,050		

Number of Ordinary shares applied for	Amount of cheque/banker's draft enclosed
	£

Applications must be for a minimum 500 shares and thereafter in multiples of 500 shares up to 2,000 shares, in multiples of 1,000 shares up to 5,000 shares, in multiples of 5,000 shares up to 20,000 shares and in multiples of 10,000 shares thereafter.

UNLESS THE TWO BOXES ABOVE ARE PROPERLY COMPLETED THIS APPLICATION MAY BE TREATED AS INVALID.

To: Statham Duff Stoop

Gentlemen,

I/We enclose a sterling cheque or banker's draft payable to "W. H. Stentiford & Co." and crossed "Not Negotiable" for the above mentioned sum, being the amount payable on application for the stated number of Ordinary shares of 10p each of John Perkins Meats PLC ("the Company") at 41p per share. I/We offer to purchase that number of shares and I/we agree to accept the same or any lesser number of shares in respect of which this application may be accepted upon the terms of the Prospectus dated 13th May, 1985 and subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company. I/We hereby authorise and request you to send to me/us a fully paid renounceable Letter of Acceptance for the number of shares in respect of which this is accepted and/or a cheque for any monies returnable, by post at my/our risk to the first address given below. I/We hereby authorise you to procure my/our name(s) to be placed on the Register of members of the Company as the holder(s) of the shares so purchased by me/us the right to which has not been effectively renounced.

In consideration of your agreeing to accept applications on the terms and subject to the said Prospectus, I/we agree that this application shall be irrevocable and that this paragraph shall constitute a collateral contract between me/us and you which shall become binding upon despatch by mail or delivery of this application form duly completed to W. H. Stentiford & Co. at the address shown below in accordance with the instructions contained in this form.

I/We declare that due completion and delivery of this application form, accompanied by a cheque or banker's draft, constitutes a warranty that the cheque or banker's draft will be honoured on first presentation. I/We acknowledge that any Letter of Acceptance and any monies returnable may be held pending clearance of all applicants' cheques and banker's drafts.

Signature ..... Dated 1985

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS
Forename(s) in full

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Surname and designation (Mr. Mrs. Miss or title)

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Address (in full)

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..... Post Code .....

ALL JOINT APPLICANTS MUST SIGN AND GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES BELOW. The signature on behalf of a corporation should be that of a duly authorised official who should state his representative capacity.

If this form is signed by an attorney, the power or a duly certified copy thereof must accompany this form.

No receipt will be issued for the payment on application but an acknowledgement will be forwarded in due course through the post, at the risk of the applicant(s), by a fully paid renounceable Letter of Acceptance and/or a remittance for any application monies returnable.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

1. Acceptance No

2. Shares accepted

3. Amount received £

4. Amount payable £

5. Amount returned £

6. Cheque Number

PLEASE PIN CHEQUE/DRAFT HERE

2 Signature
Forename(s)
(in full) .....
Address (in full) .....
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Surname and designation
(Mr. Mrs. Miss or title) .....
Post Code .....

3 Signature
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Surname and designation
(Mr. Mrs. Miss or title) .....
Post Code .....

4 Signature
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(in full) .....
Address (in full) .....
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Surname and designation
(Mr. Mrs. Miss or title) .....
Post Code .....

INSTRUCTIONS

This form duly completed, together with a cheque or banker's draft drawn in sterling on a branch in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, of a bank which is either a member of the London or Scottish Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques and banker's drafts to be cleared through the facilities provided for the members of those Clearing Houses and which must bear the appropriate sorting code number in the top right hand corner made payable to "W. H. Stentiford & Co." (and crossed "Not Negotiable"), representing payment in full at the application price, **should be lodged with W. H. Stentiford & Co., 1 Love Lane, London EC2V 7JJ not later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1985.** A separate cheque/banker's draft must accompany each application. An application cannot be considered unless these conditions are fulfilled. All cheques/banker's drafts are liable to be presented for payment on receipt. Photostat copies of application forms will not be accepted.

Applicants by post are advised to use first class post and to allow at least two days for delivery.

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75.4	57.8	High Inc. Eq.	75.8	77.4
207.3	165.3	Japan	192.3	*172.4
67.2	53.3	U.S. Em. Co.	62.3	*59.0
118.4	112.3	Gilt & Fix. Int	109.5	115.9
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42.0	37.6	Hedge & Rec Fd.	38.2	40.8
59.6	57.6	Am. Makers Fd	58.2	62.3
52.7	50.0	Intnl. Inc. Fd	50.4	53.7
156.4	143.1	Secure Income Fund	144.1	154.4
70.7	63.4	Japanese Tech Fund	61.0	65.3
171.4	115.6	American Tech Fund	112.0	119.7

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177.6	163.0	Fins Trust	165.4	178.6
149.2	104.1	Growth & Inc's Tst.	105.1	*111.9
206.7	192.9	Capital Trust	199.5	*202.9
201.7	203.0	Balanced Trust	203.5	209.9
465.7	415.5	Accumulator Tst.	423.1	452.9
34.7	30.0	American Inc. Tst	29.4	31.4
126.7	100.5	High Income Tst	104.7	*96.7
109.7	93.3	Equity Income Tst	102.1	109.7
126.6	117.1	High Yield Tst.	115.6	*123.1
72.7	78.5	Governm't Secs. Tst	77.4	78.6
67.8	54.6	International Tst.	61.0	65.9
61.1	60.2	Japan Tst	61.0	65.9
143.5	118.2	Pacific Tst	119.5	127.1
73.9	58.7	Am's spec. Sits. Tst	59.9	*64.7
229.6	176.5	Secs. of America Tst	178.1	192.5
119.8	108.8	Low Yield Tst	110.7	117.5
35.2	31.2	Gilt Growth Tst	30.9	*32.2
105.3	84.8	Smaller Co's Tst	99.8	106.1
151.5	133.3	Sec. Smaller Co's Tst	132.7	141.1
41.1	35.1	Recovery Tst	37.4	*41.1
165.1	92.8	Metal Mins. Inc. Tst.	93.0	*99.0
166.0	151.9	Overseas Earnings T.	152.9	162.8
100.6	84.9	Technology Tst.	81.6	86.9

ANDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.

131.8	126.1	Anderson Int'l Unit T.	119.2	127.4
28.7	27.3	Anderson Inc. Fd.	26.7	28.4

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES LIMITED
131 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY. 01-628 9876
Dealing Dept. 01-628 0901/2/3/4

55.6	50.9	Capital Growth	49.6	53.2
87.3	84.0	Commodity	82.0	87.7
139.6	129.6	Commodity Accum.	136.6	*146.5
52.5	46.4	Cons 10% Withdrawal	45.3	*46.4
116.6	97.6	Eastern & International	96.5	103.2
59.5	54.9	Extra Inc & Growth	54.2	57.9
51.5	44.2	Finance & Property	45.2	48.3
73.7	61.0	Financial Trust	59.9	64.0
48.9	43.1	Gilt & Fixed	42.4	*44.6
70.8	66.7	Gilt & Fixed Accum.	66.2	*69.6
60.6	57.1	High Income	56.9	60.8
136.4	124.8	High Income Accum	127.6	*136.4
75.6	72.2	High Inc 4½% Withd.	71.3	*76.2
63.9	60.4	High Yield	59.8	63.9
152.5	145.2	High Yield Accum.	145.7	155.7
83.9	77.7	North American	75.2	78.3
37.4	25.3	Preference	25.6	*27.1
80.5	74.6	Preference Accum.	75.1	*80.3
108.1	88.8	Smaller Companies	100.3	*106.6
118.3	93.0	Smaller Co's Accum.	108.0	*115.1
10.2	9.4	World Penny Share	9.3	9.9
Portfolio Trust				
64.3	57.1	U.K.	61.7	65.9
65.2	52.8	Japan	54.4	56.1
60.2	65.7	U.S.	67.1	69.5
60.3	51.6	Europe	56.2	58.2

ARCHWAY UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.

229.8	211.4	Fund	216.0	229.8
35.3	33.6	Growth. Fund	31.0	32.9
56.8	53.2	High Yield Eq. Fd.	53.3	*56.7

ATLANTA UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
46 Moorgate, London EC2R 6EL
01-638 1711

73.0	58.5	Atlanta Am Stock Fd	57.3	61.0
82.2	65.7	Atlanta Canadian Fd	66.9	*71.9
57.5	45.7	Atlanta Jap. Fund	43.9	46.7

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh
031-225 2581

107.6	82.5	Japan	99.2	94.9
148.1	107.1	America	115.0	123.3
105.2	173.4	Technology	177.0	189.5
127.5	105.0	Energy	101.9	110.5
153.4	146.2	Income Grth.	153.5	163.4

BARCLAYS UNICORN LIMITED
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

89.7	75.9	Unic Amer	78.5	*81.5
166.1	131.8	Unic. Aust. Accu.	148.7	156.1
120.8	98.2	Unic Aust. Inc.	108.1	114.9
160.3	167.4	Unic Jap.	156.9	167.5
354.4	339.3	Unic Exempt	331.8	*351.6
58.6	54.2	Unic Extra Inc.	54.6	*58.0
199.1	180.3	Unic. Fin	187.5	198.1
208.2	190.1	Unic. Gold	195.9	208.2
111.9	102.6	Unic. Gen.	105.2	*111.9
54.1	51.2	Unic. Gilt & Fix. Int	51.0	53.3
127.1	95.9	Unic. Grth. Pac. Acc	97.6	103.1
18.7	16.2	Unic Grth Pac. Inc	16.6	18.1
192.5	138.2	Unic. Grth. Acc.	139.2	134.0
257.0	237.5	Unic. Inc	241.6	257.0
115.2	111.4	Unic. Special Sits.	106.2	115.2
149.6	136.9	Unic. Acc	136.9	149.6
63.2	62.6	Unic. Trust	63.9	69.2
130.6	110.1	Unic. Worldwide	120.1	115.9
261.6	219.5	Trust Inv. Fd. Acc.	246.5	261.6
174.3	161.8	Trust Inv. Fd. Inc.	163.9	174.3

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
P.O. Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4NQ
01-658 6062

50.5	50.0	Japan	47.3	50.5
50.0	50.0	Eastern	47.5	23.5
59.7	57.5	Europe	51.7	55.1
512.7	499.2	Gro & Inc Inc	492.5	512.0
75.8	71.5	Growth & Inc Acc	72.3	*75.9
51.3	49.3	First Japan	46.0	49.2
50.5	50.0	Japan Special	47.5	50.5
50.5	50.0	Japan Sunrise	47.5	50.5

BARRINGTON MGMT. CO., LTD
66 Gresham Street, London EC2P 2DS
01-606 4433

126.5	119.0	Gen Fd Inc.	115.7	123.9
161.5	125.9	Gen Fd Acc.	151.7	164.0
49.1	41.6	High Yield Fd. Inc.	42.1	45.3
127.7	97.1	High Yield Fd Acc.	100.7	107.3
307.4	238.8	Smaller Co's Fd Inc.	253.9	307.4
334.9	311.5	Smaller Co's Fd Acc.	333.6	358.9
109.9	96.0	Pacific Fd Inc	93.8	*98.9
121.7	105.8	Pacific Fd Acc.	105.1	110.8
248.8	218.3	North Am Fd Inc.	229.2	241.9
335.5	248.1	Nth Am Fd Acc.	250.5	263.5
265.6	237.5	European Fd Inc	239.2	251.7
321.4	297.5	European Fd Acc	300.7	317.3
108.7	100.0	Nth Ameri Fd Inc	100.0	112.3
162.8	153.2	Gilt Yield Fd Acc.	156.8	161.7
154.5	131.4	Japan Fd Inc.	132.1	*134.4
154.5	133.4	Japan Fd Acc	127.5	134.9

BISHOPSGATE PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT CO.
65 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2DR
01-248 4080

730.2	623.9	Bishopsgt. Prog. Acc.	25.516.9	563.0
1096.1	932.6	Acc Units April 25	965.6	1017.8
885.7	772.2	Bishop Intl April 30	832.5	881.1
1079.4	922.2	Accum April 30	1045.3	1107.7
163.4	175.1	Beckman Max Fund	171.9	1.9.8
135.4	93.2	Hen & For Mar 8	98.4	*101.8
108.1	96.9	Accum May 2	99.4	105.2

BREWIN UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
5 Giltspur Street, London EC1A 9DE
01-248 4480

110.1	97.9	Capital Fd.	103.7	107.6
58.8	50.0	Dividend Fd.	52.6	56.0
111.0	99.4	Intl Growth & Inc Fd	106.3	111.0

BRIDGE FUND MNGRS. (A) (C)
Regis House, King William St. E.C.4
01-623 4951

86.3	68.8	American Gen. Inc.	66.4	70.0
95.8	75.1	American Gen. Acc	66.7	70.3
195.3	107.5	Japan Inc Fund	108.2	*115.0
116.2	104.4	Capital Inc.	106.6	114.9
136.4	359.5	Capital Acc.	339.0	*355.0
261.0	246.0	Exempt	246.0	*259.0
42.2	38.5	Intnl. Recovery Inc	37.2	*40.1
55.2	50.1	Intnl. Recovery Acc	46.8	50.6

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED.
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-638 5757
Dealing 01-628 0475/0477

107.8	84.5	American Growth	82.9	88.4
66.7	55.4	American Income	52.5	*56.1
28.1	22.2	American Services	20.2	21.5
89.1	71.4	American Specialists	71.6	*76.1
89.1	65.8	Australian Growth	144.3	*155.9
16.5	15.3	Commodity Share	9.5	10.1
10.1	9.7	European Sm. Co's	8.8	*9.7
53.7	53.5	Exempt	51.2	55.2
69.9	63.6	Exempt Mkt Leaders	61.1	67.5
75.6	61.0	Extra Income	58.4	61.0
47.1	38.9	Far East	36.6	39.0
39.1	33.1	Financial Securities	35.6	36.9
58.5	54.9	General & Commodity	54.1	58.0
72.6	70.0	Gold & General	70.5	75.0
53.9	50.5	Growth Gilt	49.6	47.7
58.7	53.7	Japan Fund Perf	51.7	*55.4
161.0	151.1	Income & Growth	151.7	*159.9
83.5	77.7	Intnl. Growth	78.1	83.8
14.1	11.2	Intnl. Leisure Mkt	8.1	8.7
46.9	38.1	Japan Performance	40.9	43.7
15.5	9.9	Japan Smaller Co's	9.7	10.1
157.8	141.5	National High Inc.	148.0	*157.0
18.1	17.7	Preference Shares	41.5	44.1
46.2	38.5	Property Shares	40.1	*42.4
75.4	76.4	Recovery	115.0	122.7
122.8	108.2	Smaller Companies	95.1	*99.1
81.5	71.8	Special Sits.	73.3	*74.3
31.9	31.4	U.K. Growth	32.2	34.1
71.1	64.7	Universal Energy	65.3	68.0
56.9	44.3	World Technology	43.1	46.0

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.
9-17 Ferrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

65.0	59.6	Brown Shipley Fund	61.3	61.4
7.8	7.5	Japan	26.9	27.5
102.8	91.7	Financial	94.1	101.1
173.1	165.7	Growth Acc.	163.1	*174.2
117.6	112.5	Growth Inc	106.2	*114.2
75.6	68.1	High Inc	49.8	53.6
56.7	53.3	Income Fund	55.6	*59.1
67.2	57.7	North American	52.1	55.0
50.0	45.6	Orient Fund	47.4	51.0
30.1	26.9	Recovery	27.9	29.8
174.5	141.1	Technology Fund	134.1	*144.2

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT
01-588 2565

132.1	108.4	Buckmaster Intnl Fd	105.3	110.3
80.6	—	Buckmaster Inc. Fd.	75.1	77.1
175.4	162.7	Buckmaster Grth Fd	157.4	172.4
111.0	95.6	Buckmaster Pk. Co Fd	101.4	106.6

CS FUND MANAGERS LTD
123, High Holborn, London WC1 6PY
01-242 1145

57.3	45.4	CS Japan Fd.	44.3	47.6

CANADA LIFE

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
66.7	58.2	Can. Life Gen. Dist.	91.9	96.7
147.5	134.7	Can. Life Gen. Acc.	140.1	147.5
65.5	59.8	Can. Life Inc. Dist.	62.4	*65.5
128.1	116.3	Can. Life Inc. Acc.	121.7	128.1

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx.
HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

267.6	245.4	Income	251.5	267.6
147.6	120.4	Far East	119.8	*127.4
148.2	120.2	North American	121.7	*129.5
237.4	215.7	Growth	223.2	237.4

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 1815

00.0	00.0	Deposit %	—	12.5
338.00	330.75	Investment	—	355.05
217.65	229.70	Fixed Int	—	232.55

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 1815

00.0	00.0	Deposit %	—	12.5
303.00	296.52	Income	—	299.77
619.33	629.00	Accumulation	—	646.46

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London EC2M 4TP
01-283 1963

20.9	19.7	Gilt & Fix. Inc.	19.2	20.6
44.4	41.7	High Income	41.1	41.0
43.0	40.6	Inc. & Growth	43.2	43.0
39.8	35.0	Special	37.2	39.8
72.8	60.5	International	62.6	67.0
38.1	32.5	Global	32.0	34.2
53.2	44.9	American	43.5	45.5
23.4	19.8	Australian	21.7	23.3
79.4	67.8	Japan	60.8	65.5

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT 1ST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol. BS2 6JH
(0272) 277719

176.0	165.2	Growth Fund	167.2	176.0

CONTINENTAL LIFE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD.
64/70 High Street, Croydon CR0 9XN
07845 55122 (units & dealings)

50.0	50.0	Growth Fd.	46.8	50.0

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD

241.4	224.5	Capital Trust	224.7	239.0
564.9	49.3	Energy	49.5	53.4
133.5	120.4	Extra Income	120.2	127.9
106.0	93.0	Financial Trust	100.5	106.9
53.6	51.2	Gilt strategy	51.9	55.5
338.7	291.2	Growth Invest. Tst.	292.9	*35.0
110.7	98.2	Income Trust	99.5	105.8
74.4	78.0	Japanese & Pac. Grth	79.1	84.1
108.2	87.4	North Am. Grth Trst	85.2	*90.6
115.4	140.8	Portfolio Invest. Fd.	145.4	158.1
265.1	252.5	Recovery Trust	252.5	268.5
158.0	141.8	Smaller Companies	148.6	158.0

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW
(04862) 24933

167.7	168.6	Crown High Inc. Tst	170.8	*182.7
192.5	167.4	Crown Growth Trust	178.6	192.5
127.3	105.7	Crown American Tst.	111.9	119.7

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
4 Melville Cres., Edinburgh EH3 7JE
031-226 3485 (Dealers)

65.1	59.9	American Fd	65.9	68.3
70.7	67.1	Capital Fd.	65.7	*70.2
115.0	99.0	Growth & Inc Fd	105.6	115.0
92.5	81.9	High Yield Fd	85.0	88.7
165.6	153.3	Intn'l Fd	156.1	167.0
28.8	25.8	Eco Fd.	25.4	*27.1
26.8	21.6	Smaller Jap. Comps.	21.5	23.0
113.2	100.1	Tokyo Fd	99.2	106.1

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061-236 5685

306.0	289.4	Equitable Pelican	299.6	*306.0
59.1	50.5	Far Eastern	50.9	54.2
51.1	47.1	Gilt & Fixed Int.	47.9	51.0
58.9	52.5	High Income	55.7	*58.6
63.5	50.7	North American	49.1	52.3
62.8	52.5	Special Sit.	53.2	62.0
58.9	51.6	Trust of Inv Tst	53.2	56.6

EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

120.6	114.7	UK Growth Tst. Acc.	115.0	*122.3
46.9	44.6	UK Growth Tst. Inc.	46.9	50.2
179.7	159.2	Higher Inc Tst. Acc.	168.5	*179.2
166.8	135.7	Higher Inc Tst. Inc.	141.3	*150.3
69.9	61.1	Gilt-Edged Tst Acc.	63.7	69.1
66.6	58.5	Gilt-Edged Tst Inc.	61.5	67.4
138.4	121.7	North Am Tst Acc.	121.9	*128.6
115.4	90.9	Far East Tst Acc.	99.9	*95.6
93.6	81.1	Europe Tst Acc.	84.3	89.6
205.3	186.4	General Tst	182.9	194.5

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
180, West George St., Glasgow, G2 2PA
041-332 6462

241.7	180.7	Balanced Growth Fd	236.6	*251.7
36.5	25.0	Services Comps. Fd.	24.9	26.5

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tunbridge, Kent TN9 1DY
Dealing 0732 362222
Enquiries 0732 361144

106.2	85.6	American Trust	84.0	90.0
35.2	32.7	Amer Emerging Co's	31.3	*33.4
45.2	39.5	Amer. Spec Sit Tst.	40.7	43.4
79.5	69.5	Japan Trust	70.5	64.4
31.0	33.4	Japan Spec Sits Tst	23.6	25.2
59.8	55.5	Max. Inc. Equity Tst	55.8	59.4
109.2	96.1	Special Situations Tst.	104.6	109.2
38.2	37.4	South East Asia Tst.	23.9	25.3
29.0	28.5	Gilt & Fixed Int Tst	28.4	29.5
76.7	66.4	Growth & Income Tst	72.0	*76.7
95.9	82.0	Managed Intnl Tst	84.6	90.0

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MNGT LTD
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, EC4 R0BA
01-623 4680

83.0	63.6	Far American Fd.	66.1	70.7
105.4	91.7	Far Capital Fd.	90.4	96.1
60.7	53.4	Far Far East Fd.	53.7	54.3
56.4	52.8	Far Fixed Int Fd.	54.5	56.4
66.4	61.8	Far Income Fd.	61.0	65.3
64.1	57.5	Far Nat Res Fd	56.8	60.8
66.8	58.3	Far Overseas Inc Fd	57.6	61.7

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD
3 London Wall Buildings, EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

224.4	174.2	American & Gen. Fd.	189.2	201.2
206.6	175.8	American & Gen. Fd Acc	191.2	203.4
215.2	179.8	American Dynamic Fd	179.6	191.0
154.9	131.5	American Intnl Acc	145.6	155.2
169.9	144.4	Capital Tst	159.8	169.8
192.8	160.4	Capital Tst Acc.	179.8	192.8
98.2	77.4	Conv. & Gilt Tst.	80.0	85.0
109.2	95.8	Conv. & Gilt Tst Acc	96.2	102.2
123.8	109.9	Extra Inc. Tst.	116.4	123.6
126.0	103.8	Extra Inc. Acc.	110.6	126.0
92.8	84.0	Income Tst	87.4	92.8
93.6	84.0	Income Tst Acc.	87.4	92.8
165.4	138.6	Intnl. Growth Fd.	140.0	*148.8
163.8	152.0	Intnl. Growth Fd. Acc.	153.8	163.6
67.8	53.6	Japan & Gen. Fd	53.6	57.0
68.2	55.8	Japan & Gen. Acc.	54.0	57.4
61.0	55.8	Monthly Inc. Fd.	57.4	*61.0
110.0	92.0	Recovery Tst	100.4	103.4
116.6	96.8	Recovery Tst. Acc.	106.4	113.2

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

110.1	107.9	Fixed Int Inc	99.8	105.6
116.8	109.2	Fixed Int Acc	107.7	115.1
152.9	150.0	Equity Units Inc.	143.1	152.9
161.4	152.9	Equity Units Acc.	150.2	161.6
137.1	131.2	Stewardship Inc.	129.6	137.1
138.4	132.3	Stewardship Acc	130.7	138.3

G & A TRUST

96.7	89.1	G & A	89.7	95.1

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575. Dealing: 01-626 9431

177.4	156.1	G.T. European Fund	154.4	143.8
95.7	76.2	G.T. Far East & General	76.1	81.4
68.7	65.1	G.T. Income Fund	64.2	68.7
125.6	103.8	G.T. International	104.7	112.0
20.0	18.5	G.T. Japan & Gen. Fd	18.9	19.2
102.4	99.5	G.T. Liquid Reserve	100.6	102.4
153.5	142.3	G.T. Pension Except	134.7	144.1
95.7	68.9	G.T. Tech & Grth Fd	70.9	75.9
199.1	180.3	G.T. Capital Inc	174.9	187.2
238.2	200.1	G.T. Capital Acc.	196.7	112.0
111.9	102.6	G.T. Gen	105.2	*111.9
54.1	51.2	G.T. Gilt & Fix. Int	51.0	53.3
127.1	95.9	G.T. Grth. Pac. Acc	97.6	103.1
18.7	16.2	G.T. Grth Pac. Inc	16.6	18.1
192.5	138.2	G.T. Grth. Acc.	139.2	134.0
257.0	237.5	G.T. Inc	241.6	257.0
115.2	111.4	G.T. Special Sits.	106.2	115.2
149.6	136.9	G.T. Acc	136.9	149.6
63.2	62.6	G.T. Trust	63.9	69.2
130.6	110.1	G.T. Worldwide	120.1	115.9
261.6	219.5	Trust Inv. Fd. Acc.	246.5	261.6
174.3	161.8	Trust Inv. Fd. Inc.	163.9	174.3

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2-4 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212. Dealings: 01-623 5766

98.7	88.4	American Trust	90.0	95.7
28.4	18.4	Australian Trust	20.0	21.2
47.5	36.8	British Trust Acc.	44.6	47.5
43.0	36.8	British Trust Dist.	42.3	45.0
73.7	67.7	Commod. Share Tst.	68.5	72.2
39.0	33.9	European Trust	37.4	39.2
39.9	36.5	Extra Income Trust	36.8	39.2
84.6	79.8	Far Eastern Trust	82.8	88.0
26.2	21.4	Fixed Interest Trust	21.3	22.6
30.7	25.6	Gilt Trust	25.8	27.4
135.5	110.5	Global Fund (Acc.)	110.3	117.4
120.4	106.2	Global Fund (Inc.)	106.0	112.6
20.0	18.5	Gold Share Trust	18.1	19.3
110.0	102.9	High Income Trust	103.0	109.6
55.4	28.4	Hong Kong Trust	30.8	31.9
55.2	47.4	Income Fund	50.5	53.8
64.8	56.9	Japan Trust	61.0	71.2
42.0	38.3	Oil & Energy Trust	37.4	39.7
76.3	68.1	Special Sits. Trust	69.2	73.6
51.3	45.6	U.K. Small Co Rec Tst	48.5	51.3

JOHN GOVETT UNIT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Winchester House, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DH. 01-588 5620

72.8	63.5	Intnl Grth Fd	61.7	65.9
78.1	65.4	Amer Grth Fd	63.7	67.8
75.1	66.9	Amer Inc Fd	58.7	63.7
119.2	103.4	Euro Grth Fd	102.1	107.1
53.5	46.1	Gold & Min Fd	49.3	52.7
105.7	87.5	Japan Grth Fd	84.8	89.8
77.5	61.6	Pacific Inc Fd	63.7	64.9
74.2	58.7	U.K. Smaller Co Fd	60.4	74.2

GRANVILLE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
8, Laval Lane, EC3 8DT. 01-621 7212

52.0	50.0	Granville Special	48.8	51.1

GROUND MANAGERS LIMITED
Pomfret Hall, 8/9 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2AE. 01-588 5317

89.2	78.7	American Tst	69.9	*73.6
74.6	68.0	Equity Tst	70.1	*71.6
63.2	59.2	European Tst	57.8	*62.8
54.6	51.0	Gilt Tst	50.2	51.8
68.1	57.6	Japan Tst	55.5	*59.1

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS
01-626 5020

256.5	235.6	Guardhill Tst	238.8	253.6
118.0	111.5	Gilt & Fixed Int. Tst	111.8	116.3
173.5	152.0	Growth Equity Tst	153.0	173.5
146.6	119.1	North American Tst.	125.3	*134.2
193.2	153.1	Pacific Tst	137.4	147.4
198.1	159.1	Smaller Cos Tst	167.4	*178.1
169.1	151.4	Property Share Tst	157.1	167.2
129.0	115.0	European Tst	115.3	121.8

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 217718				
51.7	41.7	Hbl. Canadian	45.1	48.9
67.4	59.2	Hbl. Equity Income	61.9	*65.3

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LONDON LIFE
100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272-279179

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		Assurances		
312·3	307·5	Equity	—	332·3
184·2	172·9	Fixed Int	—	181·7
202·0	197·2	Propery	—	202·0
155·9	152·0	Deposit	—	155·9
214·0	204·5	Mixed	—	214·0
119·3	112·3	Index Stock	—	115·2
144·0	128·0	International	—	130·5
		Pensions		
256·0	231·5	Equity (P)	—	256·0
201·5	186·9	Fixed Int. (P)	—	188·1
147·5	144·8	Property (P)	—	147·5
140·8	136·2	Deposit (P)	—	140·8
199·8	190·3	Mixed (P)	—	199·8
128·0	120·0	Index Stock (P)	—	124·5
139·4	129·9	International (P)	—	139·4

M & G GROUP PLC
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
216·3	187·2	American Bonds	175·5	184·4
250·7	227·3	American Rec Bonds	222·4	234·7
114·9	91·6	Amrcn Smllr Co's Bd	96·9	101·8
126·2	108·1	Australasian Bds	115·3	121·2
155·8	144·4	Commodity Bds	146·2	153·6
206·0	200·8	Deposit Bonds	196·1	206·0
199·8	174·4	Equity Bonds-Bons	180·7	189·8
425·1	399·5	Equity Bonds-Acc	404·8	425·1
277·2	208·2	Extra Yield Bonds	215·3	226·2
148·6	129·8	Far Eastern Bonds	130·3	136·9
212·7	181·1	Gilt Bonds	199·9	210·0
109·3	98·8	Gold Bonds	102·8	108·4
176·7	165·4	High Yield Bonds	166·2	176·7
114·4	107·8	Index-Linked Bds	107·0	112·4
303·6	272·8	International Bonds	271·0	284·6
155·4	128·5	Japan Bonds	127·4	133·9
132·1	112·2	Japan Smllr Co's Bds	111·8	117·5
348·7	328·8	Managed Bonds	331·8	348·7
288·3	261·2	Property Bonds	274·2	288·3
202·5	175·8	Recovery Bonds	192·4	202·5
558·7	530·0	Family Bond Acc	—	558·7
		Pension Funds		
341·8	263·0	Personal Pen Fd	—	351·7
422·3	332·9	American	350·5	368·1
112·4	106·1	Building Soc	106·9	112·4
187·5	180·0	Deposit	178·6	187·5
338·7	311·9	Equity	323·5	339·7
263·7	244·1	Gilt	249·6	261·3
105·1	85·1	Gold	98·7	103·8
121·4	115·1	Index-Linked Gilt	112·8	118·6
117·3	103·0	International	109·9	115·5
138·8	115·4	Japan	112·7	118·4
295·8	276·6	Managed	281·6	295·8
249·4	228·7	PPP	234·6	249·4
352·9	309·2	Pacific	305·1	320·5
162·2	133·3	Property	154·3	162·2
135·8	114·8	Recovery	127·4	133·9

MGM ASSURANCE
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing. 0903-204631

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
162·9	135·5	U.K. Equity Acc	153·4	161·5
145·4	119·5	Special Sits Acc	134·3	141·4
158·4	130·3	Nth American Acc	141·5	149·0
197·1	169·8	Pacific Basin Acc	172·2	181·3
182·8	163·7	Fixed Int Acc	172·9	182·0
119·0	111·2	Property Acc	113·0	119·0
116·6	107·8	Deposit Acc	110·7	116·6
153·2	138·1	Managed Acc	144·9	152·5

MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO (U.K.)
St George's Way, Stevenage 0438-356101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
298·5	287·6	Managed	282·7	297·6
259·5	229·4	Property	227·7	239·7
323·5	301·7	Equity	305·1	322·2
305·0	281·9	Gilt Edged	287·8	302·9
179·5	173·9	Deposit	170·1	179·1
282·4	252·0	International	241·8	254·5
154·3	134·8	Investment	127·7	134·1
		Pension Fund Prices		
204·9	197·5	Managed Init	—	204·3
230·8	220·5	Managed Acc	—	230·6
187·9	178·5	Property Init	—	187·8
212·3	199·1	Property Acc	—	212·3
232·8	221·7	Equity Init	—	232·9
262·8	247·1	Equity Acc	—	262·8
188·6	174·1	Gilt Edged Init	—	187·0
212·9	194·8	Gilt Edged Acc	—	211·3
131·6	126·9	Guaranteed Init	—	131·6
148·8	141·6	Guaranteed Acc	—	148·8
337·1	285·8	International Init	—	298·7
375·8	322·0	International Acc	—	335·1
124·1	116·0	Index Link Gilt Init	—	118·6
139·5	129·6	Index Link Gilt Acc	—	135·1

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASS. CO LTD
Leon House, 233 High Street, Croydon CR9 1LF. 01-686 9171

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
296·1	292·1	Property Life Fund	—	295·1
375·8	373·4	Property Pens	—	375·8
158·5	151·3	U.K. Equity Life	—	158·2
545·8	520·1	Equity Pens Fd	—	534·5
269·6	251·5	UK MonyMkt LifeFd	—	266·4
413·7	411·1	UKMoneyMktPenFd	—	413·7
231·0	212·5	UK Managed Life Fd	—	231·0
378·6	354·4	UK Managed Pen Fd	—	372·0
142·3	130·3	N. American Life Fd	—	134·9
159·5	150·2	N. American Pen Fd	—	156·5
185·0	154·7	Far East Life	—	163·0
217·5	177·7	Far East Pen. Fund	—	179·3
242·1	218·0	Intl. Man Life Fund	—	229·5
322·1	286·1	Intl. Man Pens Fund	—	303·5
252·3	223·0	IntlEquityLife Fund	—	240·7
363·5	317·9	Intl EquityPen Fund	—	330·5
128·2	120·0	Intl CurrencyLife Fd	—	120·3
161·4	147·5	Intl. CurrencyPenFd	—	147·5
205·9	201·4	Deposit Life Fund	—	205·9
300·2	289·5	Deposit PensionFund	—	300·2

MUNICIPAL LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
99/100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent 0622 679351

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
130·5	125·8	Acc. Mncd	124·5	130·8
120·0	116·0	Initial Mncd	113·5	119·0
134·0	127·5	Accum. Equity	127·0	134·0
128·8	117·0	Initial Equity	114·5	121·0
124·5	112·8	Acc. Intnl	112·6	118·0
120·5	111·0	Initial Intnl	108·6	114·5
104·0	99·5	Acc Property	98·0	103·5
103·5	98·5	Initial Property	96·0	101·5
114·0	105·5	Acc Mnulfund	107·6	113·0
112·5	105·0	Initial Mnulfund	104·5	110·0
114·0	110·5	Pens Acc Mngd	108·5	114·0
121·0	113·0	Pen2 Acc Equity	114·0	120·0
112·5	108·5	Pens Acc Mnulfund	106·5	112·5

NEL PENSIONS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
233·3	208·5	Nelex Equity Cap	221·7	233·3
365·8	348·2	Nelex Equity Acc	372·2	391·7

NPI PENSIONS MANAGEMENT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
592·5	553·8	Managed Fd	577·7	598·5

Prices at May 1. Next dealing day June 3

NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE
5 Bow Churchyard, off Cheapside, London EC4M 9DH 01-236 1566

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
139·5	120·3	Managed Fd	132·5	139·5
152·8	147·8	UK Equity Fd	143·8	150·6
123·8	110·5	Fixed Interest Fd	111·5	118·2
137·9	127·5	Pacific	128·3	135·1
98·5	85·0	North America	80·7	85·0
149·5	142·2	Pensions Managed	140·9	148·1
167·4	155·5	Pensions UK Equity	159·0	167·4
202·5	183·5	Pens.Overseas Equit	165·0	173·7
118·5	116·5	Pensions Property	113·5	119·5
125·9	117·0	Pens. Fixed Interest	118·0	124·3
105·5	99·2	Pensions Index Link	97·1	102·3
122·2	115·8	Pensions Deposit	115·8	121·9

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
48, Gracechurch St. London EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
217·2	203·1	Managed	205·9	216·8
258·5	223·4	UK Equity	243·5	256·2
230·1	203·9	Overseas Equity	198·0	208·5
233·5	203·6	Americas	198·8	210·4
198·8	167·3	Far East	169·3	178·3
120·9	118·1	Property	114·8	120·9
174·1	164·6	Fixed Int	162·7	171·3
116·3	109·4	Indexed Gilt	106·5	112·2
122·8	119·7	Deposit	116·6	122·8
		Pension Fund Prices		
218·1	208·9	Mngd Initial	206·9	217·8
245·3	237·1	Mngd Acc	232·0	245·3
244·0	212·8	UK Equity Initial	229·4	241·5
268·0	233·2	UK Equity Acc	254·6	268·0
251·9	224·5	Overseas Eq. Initial	219·8	231·4
281·5	257·8	Overseas Eq. Acc	255·6	269·1
272·5	223·5	Americas Initial	222·8	234·6
301·8	268·2	Americas Acc	248·4	261·5
232·2	207·4	Far East Initial	209·7	220·8
286·7	231·3	Far East Acc	234·4	246·8
116·2	115·7	Property Initial	110·2	116·1
129·4	125·2	Property Acc	122·9	129·4
157·5	146·8	Fixed Int Initial	146·9	154·7
174·8	165·8	Fixed Int Acc	163·2	171·8
109·6	103·8	Indexed Gilt Initial	99·1	104·4
121·0	113·5	Indexed Gilt Acc	110·4	116·3
121·9	115·5	Deposit Initial	115·8	121·9
138·4	130·7	Deposit Acc	129·5	136·4

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
565·0	535·7	Managed Fund	535·8	565·4
880·5	761·9	Equity Fund	812·8	855·5
288·3	272·8	Property Fund	273·0	288·3
307·5	294·8	Fixed Interest Fund	288·3	303·4
168·2	162·0	Deposit Fund	159·8	168·2
100·8	100·0	International Fd	95·6	100·6
		Pensinvestor		
203·0	192·4	Fixed Interest Fund	191·3	201·5
285·6	274·2	UK Gilting Share Fd	267·9	282·0
149·5	140·0	Property Fund	135·8	142·9
140·0	134·8	Deposit Fund	133·0	140·0
131·2	122·3	Index-Linked Sec.Fd	120·5	126·8
235·7	217·8	Mixed Fund	212·8	223·7
105·3	93·9	International	89·5	94·3

PHOENIX ASSURANCE GROUP
Phoenix House, Redcliff Hill, Bristol BS1 6SQ 0272 294941

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		Life Assurance Funds		
302·8	294·6	Wealth Ass	285·2	301·0
		Pension Plan Funds — Phoenix		
109·2	96·9	UK Equity Acc	103·8	109·2
104·0	92·3	International Acc	91·6	96·7
103·0	100·0	Property Acc	97·8	103·0
106·2	98·8	Fixed Interest Acc	98·8	104·0
104·6	99·5	Money Acc	97·7	102·8
108·5	100·0	Build Soc. Link Acc	99·2	105·3
104·8	99·4	Special Mnged. Acc	99·5	104·7
		Phoenix/Framlington		
106·8	95·1	Intnl. Grth. Acc	91·8	96·7
109·3	91·2	American & Gen Acc	92·6	97·4
111·3	100·8	Capital Tst. Acc	106·4	111·3
110·4	91·1	Japan & Gen. Acc	92·7	97·6
106·2	95·8	American Turn. Acc	90·8	95·5
111·0	100·0	Recovery Tst. Acc	103·0	108·4
105·2	98·9	Special Mngd. Acc	97·6	102·8
		Phoenix/GT		
106·6	93·1	International Acc	90·6	95·3
103·7	92·5	US & General Acc	92·9	97·8
122·3	98·3	Technol. & Grth Acc	89·4	94·6
116·8	98·7	Japan & General Acc	89·6	94·6
102·0	96·1	Far East & Gen. Acc	97·8	102·9
110·8	98·8	UK Capital Acc	104·5	107·7
105·3	94·9	European Acc	92·0	96·8
105·3	98·8	Special Mngd. Acc	93·8	98·5

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Cumberland House, Baxter Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 6HQ 0702 353433

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
269·5	259·8	Flex. Mon Bnd Fnd	251·1	—
112·5	109·0	Int Man Cur Bnd F	109·1	—
100·4	100·8	Tower Mnged Inv Fd	100·4	—

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
157·8	150·3	Equity	150·8	157·8
103·0	97·5	Fixed Interest	97·4	102·5
100·9	92·7	International	89·4	94·1
113·1	106·4	Managed	102·6	108·1
144·4	129·1	Property	136·8	144·4
87·8	72·5	Special Market	71·2	75·0

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LTD
246 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QP 01-247 3200

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
538·3	501·8	Unit	501·6	531·7
129·5	122·0	Equity	123·0	129·5
117·2	109·0	Fixed Interest	110·1	115·8
111·7	110·9	Property	105·8	111·1
118·2	111·8	Index-linked	108·8	114·3
118·8	108·8	Deposit	105·5	110·8
130·3	122·0	Pension Mixed Ord	125·1	129·5

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PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4BE 0539 23415

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
370·9	344·3	Managed Fund	345·9	365·6
407·1	369·8	Equity Fund	376·4	396·7
254·4	208·4	High Income Fund	222·4	234·4
216·0	191·0	International Fund	190·3	200·6
305·5	287·6	Special Sits Fund	288·5	304·2
215·6	195·2	Fixed Interest Fd	200·8	211·6
267·0	228·2	Technology Fund	219·3	233·2
254·8	206·8	Nth American Fund	215·2	230·0
248·3	201·8	Far Eastern Fund	200·5	212·8
130·0	115·3	Extra Income Fd	123·3	130·0
295·3	272·5	Man PensionAcc Fd	276·2	290·8

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
292·3	281·3	Property Fund	292·3	—
292·7	280·2	Property Fund (A)	282·7	—
1165·0	811·8	Agricultural Fund	1045·7	—
1159·0	811·3	Agric. Fund (A)	1019·7	—
342·3	333·7	Abbey Nat. Fund	341·3	—
276·7	254·4	Abbey Nat. Fd. (A)	258·7	—
161·7	155·3	Investment Fund	158·2	—
259·1	151·8	Investment Fd. (A)	158·6	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Fund	526·2	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Fund (A)	553·7	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Money Fund	243·0	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Money Fund (A)	237·5	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Actuarial Fund	289·4	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt-Edged Fund	204·1	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt Edged Fd (A)	204·1	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Retire Annuity	385·3	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Immediate Ann'ty	285·0	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	International Fund	286·7	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Interna. Fd (A)	286·7	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bld. Soc Life Fd	118·8	—
		Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.		
[illegible]	[illegible]	All W'ther Acc Uts	333·4	340·7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inv. Fd. Uts	332·2	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pension Fd. Uts	258·1	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv. Pns. Fd	250·4	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cnv. Pns. Cap. Ut	258·4	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Man. Pens. Fd	432·8	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Man. Pens. Cap. Ut	318·8	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prop. Pens. Fd	226·0	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prop. Pens. Cap. Ut	251·9	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bldg. Soc. Pen. Ut	309·0	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bldg. Soc. Cap. Ut	223·3	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilts Pens. Fd	190·2	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt Pens. Fd. Cap	157·4	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Pens. Fd	382·8	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Pens. Fd. Cap	330·8	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Intl Pens Fd	124·1	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Intl. Pens. Fd. Cap	118·3	—

PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 OLP 0462 73[illegible]

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
171·7	158·7	Managed Ord	163·1	171·7
158·8	151·8	Managed Init	149·8	157·7
215·6	195·4	Equity Ord	204·8	215·6
198·0	181·6	Equity Init	189·1	199·0
112·4	105·7	Index Lnk Gilt Ord	103·7	109·2
108·3	102·4	Index Lnk Gilt Init	99·6	104·7
188·4	158·3	O'seas Equity Ord	167·1	175·9
174·2	138·6	O'seas Equity Init	152·5	160·6
123·4	120·8	Property Ord	117·8	123·4
113·4	112·0	Property Init	107·7	112·4
129·4	120·4	Fixed Interest Ord	121·4	127·8
119·1	111·8	Fixed Interest Init	111·5	117·4
116·6	112·0	Deposit Ord	110·8	116·6
107·2	102·8	Deposit Init	101·8	107·2
186·8	175·5	Pen Managed Ord	177·5	186·8
171·6	163·1	Pen Managed Init	163·0	171·6
240·9	215·3	Pen Equity Ord	228·9	240·9
221·3	200·0	Pen Equity Init	210·8	221·8
115·4	107·7	Pen Ind Lkd GiltOrd	108·4	113·0
111·2	104·4	Pen Ind Lkd GiltInit	102·1	107·5
206·8	174·7	Pen O'seas Eqty Ord	179·3	188·7
189·3	160·3	Pen O'seas Eqty Init	164·7	173·4
131·3	127·4	Pen Property Ord	124·7	131·3
120·5	118·4	Pen Property Init	114·5	120·5
131·4	122·6	Pen Fixed Int Ord	124·8	131·4
122·4	114·3	Pen Fixed Int Init	114·6	120·6
128·9	125·5	Pen Deposit Ord	122·5	128·9
118·4	112·1	Pen Deposit Init	112·5	118·4

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
150·0	142·0	Prufund Man. Fd	143·1	149·1

PRUDENTIAL PENSION LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
196·7	186·1	Prulink Man. Fd	188·1	196·0
157·1	152·3	Prulink Cash Fd	151·8	157·1

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
185·3	177·6	Managed Fd	174·1	183·3
100·0	100·0	Man Pen Fd	95·0	100·0
148·0	143·8	Property Fd	140·8	148·0
100·0	100·0	Prop Pen Fd	95·0	100·0

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool, L69 3HS 051-227 4422

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
434·0	410·7	Royal Shield Fd	410·2	434·0

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LINKED ASS.) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
177·5	158·1	Managed Fd	168·7	177·5
215·0	192·1	Equity Fd	204·3	215·0
140·4	125·7	Property Fd	133·1	140·1
258·7	234·8	International Fd	217·3	229·3
148·8	135·8	Gilt Fd	135·4	142·6
119·7	118·8	Money Fd	113·8	119·7
127·8	107·6	U.S. Fd	107·0	112·6
119·0	104·5	Pacific Basin Fd	104·6	110·1

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LKD PEN. FD) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
166·1	155·8	Exempt Man. Fd	157·1	165·3
259·0	225·0	Exempt Eqty Fd	246·1	259·0
131·1	125·6	Exempt Prop. Fd	124·5	131·0
286·6	264·7	Exempt Intnl. Fd	280·3	286·0
138·2	128·9	Exempt Gilt Fd	130·8	137·8
127·8	122·4	Exempt Money Fd	121·5	127·8

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
215·5	202·8	R. L. Mixed Fd	202·8	215·5
108·8	100·0	R.L. Equity Fund	97·5	102·8

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
105·2	85·7	Global Equity	94·8	99·8
318·0	304·8	Property	302·5	318·0
334·4	308·9	Balanced Inv	315·0	330·7
254·4	239·9	Gilt	238·2	250·8
60·2	56·8	Property Pension	56·8	60·2
72·1	66·2	Equity Pension	69·8	73·1
69·3	65·0	Managed Pension	65·4	69·3
81·6	74·9	Global Equity Pen	74·0	78·4

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP
Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
250·4	170·3	American (4)	194·5	204·7
148·5	128·5	Australian	124·1	130·6
380·3	312·4	CCM Vanmed Man (4)	365·2	389·1
198·8	180·7	Deposit (4)	188·8	198·8
635·3	560·1	Equity (4)	581·7	612·3
208·5	175·1	European (4)	188·4	198·5
276·4	246·0	Fixed Int. (4)	258·2	272·8
212·3	185·0	Income Dist. (4)	207·0	217·8
288·6	259·0	Income Accum. (4)	265·4	279·5
217·4	162·0	International (4)	184·7	194·4
330·0	275·8	Managed (4)	308·2	324·4
302·1	282·0	Property (4)	287·0	302·1
160·5	135·0	Singapore & Malay(4)	133·0	140·0
273·4	214·1	Smaller Co's (4)	268·1	269·5
246·0	178·0	Tokyo (4)	210·4	221·4
265·8	192·5	UK Equity (4)	241·6	254·3
124·3	118·8	Deposit Pension (C)	118·1	124·3
375·0	352·2	Equity Pensions (C)	346·5	364·7
230·9	196·2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	213·2	224·4
126·9	123·4	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	125·0	126·8
109·5	95·5	Index-Lnk.Gilt P.(C)	102·3	107·5
128·5	106·2	International Pen(C)	107·4	113·0
330·0	285·9	Managed Pension (C)	310·0	326·5
282·9	241·9	Property Pen. (C)	254·9	268·2
225·0	185·7	Spec.Ex'pt Pen. (C)	201·7	212·3

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASS. SOCIETY
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041-248 2323

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
202·2	181·5	Managed	192·0	202·2
167·1	157·5	Fixed Interest	156·9	165·2
246·7	227·5	Equity	234·3	246·7
220·4	183·5	International	196·1	206·5
199·7	185·3	Property	180·9	187·3
115·6	108·3	Index-Lin'd.Gilt Fd	106·1	111·7
157·6	151·0	ExemptMan.Fd.Int	149·8	156·8
191·0	167·0	ExemptMan.Fd.Ac	181·4	191·0
150·1	142·0	ExemptFx.In.Fd.In	140·5	148·0
182·5	170·0	Exe'pt Fx.In.Fd.Ac	171·1	180·2
261·6	170·4	Exempt Eq'ty Fd.Int	173·1	182·3
222·0	203·2	Exe'pt Eq'ty Fd.Acm	210·8	222·0
155·5	143·4	Exempt Intl.Fd.Int	145·0	152·7
209·5	171·1	ExemptIntl.Fd.Acm	176·6	185·9
97·7	94·8	ExemptProp.Fd.Int	87·5	92·3
118·0	112·4	ExemptPropFd.Acc	105·7	112·4
131·2	127·8	Cash Fund	124·8	131·2
114·1	111·6	Exempt Cash Fund	108·3	114·1

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St Andrew Sq., Edinburgh EH2 2OZ 031-556-9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
225·7	203·1	Mixed	214·4	225·7
254·8	214·7	Equity	241·4	254·2
134·1	123·2	Fixed Int	126·1	132·8
243·6	205·1	International	225·4	237·3
124·8	121·0	Property	118·5	124·8
115·1	108·2	Index linked	107·8	113·5
125·45	120·0	Cash	119·16	125·43
119·9	108·4	Edinburgh Inv	112·9	118·9
115·9	91·1	Edinburgh Am	110·1	115·9
121·2	132·0	Baillie Gifford Jap	104·0	109·5

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128·5	113·8	Managed	112·3	118·3
110·0	108·1	Property	104·4	110·0
131·5	129·7	U.K. Equity	123·7	130·3
162·2	131·5	American	134·8	142·0
120·5	107·5	Pacific	108·8	114·7
128·4	116·5	European	115·3	121·5
138·7	119·9	International	119·2	125·5
105·7	101·1	Fixed Int	99·2	104·5
110·8	104·8	Index Linked	100·3	105·7
107·4	104·6	Deposit	102·0	107·4
115·7	121·4	Pens Property	107·9	113·7
133·9	126·0	Pens U.K. Equity	133·6	137·6
174·8	139·0	Pens American	145·3	153·0
128·9	110·5	Pens Pacific	112·1	118·1
131·9	120·8	Pens European	119·0	125·3
147·1	126·7	Pens International	125·4	132·1
108·5	101·7	Pens Fixed Int	101·7	107·1
112·8	108·9	Pens Index Linked	102·8	108·3
112·6	109·9	Pens Deposit	106·9	112·6
127·6	116·3	Pens Managed	117·6	123·2

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
6, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh 031-556 9181

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122·0	116·6	Mixed	114·4	120·5
132·8	128·9	Equity	125·3	132·0
147·2	123·6	International	120·2	126·5
116·8	108·8	Property	100·6	105·8
108·8	101·6	Fixed Int	101·2	106·6
108·8	102·2	Index Linked	98·9	104·2
109·2	106·4	Cash	105·6	109·2
119·5	114·4	Pen Mixed Init	111·8	117·8
124·4	118·8	Pen Mixed Ord	117·2	123·4
132·6	122·4	Pen Equity Initial	125·2	131·9
140·0	126·7	Pen Equity Ord	131·1	138·1
147·1	121·3	Pen Intl Initial	118·0	124·6
155·5	127·0	Pen Intl Ord	123·8	130·5
115·8	107·4	Pen Prop Init	109·9	115·6
121·5	111·5	Pen Prop Ord	115·3	121·5
103·1	100·7	Pen Fix Int Init	101·3	106·7
114·0	105·7	Pen Fix Int Ord	106·1	111·7
105·0	90·4	Pen I.L. Init	96·0	101·2
110·1	103·4	Pen I.L. Ord	101·0	106·5
108·9	105·8	Pen Cash Init	103·5	108·9
114·3	109·7	Pen Cash Ord	108·6	114·4

SCOTTISH WIDOWS GROUP
P.O. Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031-655 6000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
339·9	324·8	Inv Pol 1	311·9	331·9
331·9	317·1	Inv Pol 2	307·8	324·0
327·9	313·5	Inv Pol 3	303·1	319·1
172·3	167·9	Inv Pol Cash	163·6	172·3
186·7	178·7	Mixed Fd	176·7	186·1
216·9	200·9	Equity Fd	205·6	216·8
133·5	131·4	Prop Fd	126·8	133·5
176·2	150·8	Intnl Fd	151·7	159·7
166·2	157·8	Fix Int Fd	157·8	166·2
117·1	111·0	Ind Stk Fd	106·5	112·1
128·1	121·2	Cash Fd	121·6	128·0
215·1	201·3	Pen Mxd Ord	204·3	215·1
245·7	232·4	Pen Eq Ord	233·5	245·7
147·6	144·6	Pen Prop Ord	140·1	147·5
206·8	173·5	Pen Intl Ord	175·5	184·8
190·2	180·7	Pen F I Ord	165·7	174·5
122·7	118·8	Pen Ind St Ord	112·7	118·7
154·8	143·7	Pen Cash Ord	142·5	150·1
859·7	848·5	PM Man	330·8	350·0
919·4	885·6	PM Stk Ex	308·5	308·5
139·4	134·5	P M Prop	135·4	139·4
155·6	154·0	PM Cash	155·6	155·6
428·9	408·6	Ex Unit Acc	405·9	419·1

SKANDIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Frobisher House, Nelson Gate, Southampton. 0703 334411

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
181·0	175·3	Managed Life Acc	173·0	182·1
228·3	218·4	Managed PensionsAc	210·9	222·0
217·1	194·3	InternationalLifeAcc	189·5	199·4
289·5	257·0	International PensAcc	251·1	264·3
121·4	112·0	ArbuthnotManLifeAc	114·2	120·2
132·9	118·9	Arbuthnot Pens.Acc	119·8	126·4
108·4	98·7	BritanniaManLifeAc	99·5	104·7
128·0	113·2	BritanniaPensionsAc	114·1	120·1
115·5	105·2	FramlingtnMnLifeAc	104·5	110·0
136·5	118·6	FramlingtonPensAcc	122·8	129·3
113·9	107·5	GartmoreManLifeAc	104·5	110·0
132·5	121·2	Gartmore Pens. Acc	120·1	126·4
115·3	104·4	HendersonManLifeAc	108·5	114·2
130·9	119·3	Henderson Pens.Acc	115·8	122·5
112·7	106·1	TSBManagedLifeAcc	103·3	108·7
128·1	116·1	TSB Pensions Acc	115·0	121·4
208·3	186·6	Equity Life Acc	190·3	200·3
253·9	228·5	Equity Pensions Acc	241·3	253·9
158·5	152·7	Gilt Plus Life Acc	148·8	156·6
197·6	185·0	Gilt Plus Pens. Acc	185·3	195·0
150·3	147·4	Property Life Acc	142·8	150·3
181·4	168·5	Property Pens. Acc	161·8	170·4
152·0	148·1	Deposit Life Acc	144·4	152·0
198·4	189·1	DepositPensionsAcc	187·5	197·5

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
3, George St., Edinburgh. EH2 2XZ 031-225 2552

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
277·8	268·2	Managed	263·7	277·8
180·6	173·5	Property	171·5	180·6
365·1	333·8	Equity	349·8	368·1
269·7	246·0	International	244·2	257·1
197·8	165·6	Fixed Interest	165·3	175·0
347·3	334·7	Pens. Mngd	329·8	347·3
465·0	427·0	Pens. Equity	448·4	472·1
369·5	313·2	Pens Intnl	313·9	333·4
112·5	105·7	Index-Linked	104·9	110·5
151·5	147·4	Cash	145·8	151·5
191·6	180·7	Pens Property	182·3	191·6
215·6	199·9	Pens Fixed Interest	201·5	212·1
115·5	108·4	Pens Index-Linked	105·0	110·6
179·8	172·4	Pens Cash	173·1	179·8

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INSURANCE LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham. 0403-64141

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		Life Funds		
404·5	370·6	Equity	384·2	404·5
232·8	207·7	Fixed Interest	218·0	229·6
283·5	230·5	International	233·5	250·2
315·1	288·8	Managed	295·3	310·9
273·4	242·0	Property	250·2	263·4
165·7	161·6	Deposit	157·4	165·7
135·0	127·8	Index Linked	126·7	133·4
121·8	98·5	North America	97·4	102·0
116·9	98·5	Far East	101·2	106·5
135·57	127·93	International Bond	—	129·90
		Pension Funds		
225·6	204·3	Equity	212·4	223·6
199·8	183·5	Fixed Interest	186·4	196·3
147·5	143·5	Property	140·2	147·5
236·3	193·2	Managed	194·5	204·8
155·9	149·0	Index Linked	147·7	155·5
243·8	205·0	International	204·5	215·3
138·7	133·7	Deposit	131·7	138·7

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA (UK) LTD
2, 3, & 4, Cockspur St., London SW1Y 5BH 01-930 5400

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
590·0	557·6	Growth Account	—	581·3
331·4	317·9	Managed Account	—	331·4
421·9	385·9	Equity Account	—	411·9
166·6	150·0	Maple Leaf Mngd.Fd	158·2	166·5
197·1	184·8	Maple Leaf Eq. Fd	187·2	197·1
145·7	139·8	MapleLeaf Fix.In.Fd	139·1	145·4
133·8	125·6	Maple Leaf Prop. Fd	127·1	133·8
122·6	119·6	MapleLeafMoneyFd	116·1	122·3
229·5	200·4	Maple Leaf Intnl.Fd	199·3	209·4
120·6	113·4	Maple Leaf In LinFd	110·8	116·6
617·4	577·1	Personal Pens.Accnt	—	617·4
302·8	286·6	Pensions Mngd. Acc	287·5	302·6
102·3	100·0	Pens.Guaranteed Fd	97·2	102·3
103·8	100·0	Pens. Equity Fd	98·2	103·3
102·8	100·0	Pens. Property Fd	97·7	102·8
105·4	100·0	Pens. Fixed Int. Fd	100·1	105·4
107·1	89·5	Pens. Intnl. Fd	90·2	94·9
102·9	100·0	Pens. Money Fd	97·7	102·9
104·2	100·0	Pens. Index Link Fd	96·2	101·3

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272-426911

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
339·0	321·2	Managed Acc	321·5	338·3
207·3	205·3	Property Acc	196·7	207·1
474·5	423·7	Equity Acc	450·7	474·5
190·1	179·2	Fixed Interest Acc	178·3	187·8
116·2	103·4	Index-Linked Acc	102·4	107·8
173·5	168·9	Cash Acc	164·6	173·3
213·7	183·8	AmericanEquityAcc	184·4	194·2
124·2	108·3	U.S. Bonds Acc	106·8	112·5
124·6	115·6	Japan Acc	112·2	118·2
121·2	105·7	Pacific Acc	111·7	117·6
283·8	245·2	Far Eastern Acc	249·4	262·5
253·5	253·0	International Acc	229·3	241·4
124·7	107·2	U.S. Dollar Acc	104·7	110·3
111·9	100·9	Yen Acc	97·2	102·4
107·0	100·4	European Curr. Acc	95·9	101·0
155·9	144·7	Distribution	148·1	155·9

SUN LIFE PENSIONS MNGMT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
332·6	305·0	Pens. Mngd. Acc	315·9	332·5
167·9	160·8	Pens Property Acc	159·5	167·9
430·5	387·9	Pens. Equity Acc	408·9	430·5
180·9	171·1	Pens. Fixed Int. Acc	169·4	178·4
111·4	104·8	Pens. Ind. Link. Acc	105·0	110·6
174·4	166·1	Pens. Cash Acc	165·6	174·4
185·4	149·8	Pens. Ameri. Eq Acc	153·4	161·5
140·0	126·3	Pens U.S. Bonds Acc	105·6	111·2
141·0	115·3	Pens. Japan Acc	111·4	117·3
144·2	111·5	Pens Pacific Acc	125·1	131·7
303·0	255·4	Pens. Far Eastrn Acc	265·4	279·4
267·8	234·5	Pens. Intnl. Acc	239·4	252·0
135·3	112·7	Pens. U.S. Dollar Acc	111·1	117·0
122·5	104·8	Pens. Yen Acc	101·7	107·1
108·8	99·8	Pens.Euro. Curr.Acc	95·3	100·4

TSB LIFE & PENSIONS
P.O. Box 3, Keens House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG. 0264-62188

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128·8	123·3	Managed	113·8	120·0
115·7	110·9	Property	105·7	111·5
179·6	147·3	Equity	144·3	152·0
117·6	109·5	Fixed Int	110·1	116·0
115·0	109·7	Money	106·8	112·5
254·4	192·6	Man. Pens.	230·1	242·8
108·9	100·0	Deposit Pens.	99·5	104·8

TEACHERS ASSURANCE CO. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
141·1	135·3	Managed Fund	133·0	141·1
119·7	111·5	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd	112·4	118·3
116·3	113·4	Cash Fund	110·5	116·3

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. LTD
55-57, High Holborn WC1 6DU 01-831 7481

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
227·8	213·8	Series 2 Man. Fund	214·5	225·7
284·2	265·4	Series 2 Equity Fund	258·7	272·6
213·7	208·1	Series 2 Prop. Fund	203·1	213·7
216·8	193·8	Series 2 Fx. Int. Fd	195·8	205·9
147·8	143·5	Series 2 Money Fund	140·5	147·8
231·3	184·7	Series 2 O'seas Fund	185·2	194·9
447·1	429·5	Tulip Invest. Fund	421·4	443·6
313·6	225·5	Tulip Managed Fund	225·1	237·0
221·6	209·9	Managed Fund Int	208·3	219·2
264·5	243·6	Managed Fund Acc	249·3	262·5
352·1	339·6	Man. Pen. Fund Cap	339·5	357·4
455·4	424·2	Man. Pen. Fund Acc	428·6	451·3

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE 0452-308500

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
263·0	223·5	American	220·5	232·0
193·5	176·4	International	173·1	182·3
293·9	252·0	U.K. Equity	270·6	285·6
265·1	235·8	Managed	249·8	263·1
339·6	303·7	High Yield	315·9	332·6
225·1	211·7	Gilt Edged	207·1	217·4
255·1	233·7	Growth Acc	232·1	244·3
250·6	240·2	Growth Cap	234·8	247·2
218·5	206·8	Property	208·0	219·0
263·3	250·5	Guaranteed	249·5	262·5
218·3	207·9	Money	207·3	218·2
260·0	245·1	Fiscal	242·1	254·9
358·5	340·9	Pensions Managed	339·6	357·5
240·8	228·8	Pensions Deposit	229·7	240·8
223·6	212·0	Pensions Property	212·1	223·4
257·7	233·8	Pensions Gilt Edged	240·7	253·4
362·4	334·0	Pensions Equity	342·2	360·2
112·5	104·1	Pensions Swiss Bond	99·8	104·1
119·9	115·4	Pensions Woolwich	113·8	119·7
116·0	104·9	Henderson Active	105·8	111·1
125·8	109·9	Perpetual Active	115·8	121·9
106·1	91·6	Trident Bond	100·8	106·0
108·5	100·0	Henderson Pens	101·6	107·0
135·4	120·0	Perpetual Pens	128·5	135·4

VANBROUGH LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
41-43 Maddox Street, London W1R 9LA 01-499 4923

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
365·0	344·4	Managed	346·5	365·3
702·0	641·2	Equity	665·9	702·0
302·6	288·6	Fixed Interest	285·1	300·5
255·5	251·1	Property	242·8	255·8
305·1	266·6	International	256·7	270·3
134·8	110·0	North American	112·7	118·7
121·6	98·5	Pacific Basin	99·3	104·5
121·6	110·1	European	111·7	117·6
203·2	198·0	Cash	193·0	203·2
330·4	305·9	Pensions Managed	313·8	330·4
456·2	407·3	Pensions Equity	433·3	456·2
273·5	254·4	Pensions Fixed Int	259·8	273·5
222·8	218·5	Pensions Property	211·6	222·8
123·8	118·1	PensIndex-L'kedGilt	114·3	120·4
151·0	141·4	Pens Intnat'alMoney	136·0	143·2
156·0	131·4	Pens. Global Equity	132·0	139·0
105·8	100·1	Pensions Cash	100·5	105·8
12·5	8·4	Pens. Guaranteed(Z)	—	11·45

WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE CO LTD
Royal Albert Hse. Windsor SL4 1BE. (95) 68144.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
193·8	183·2	Investor Units	179·2	188·7
356·1	327·7	Acc Pen Units	335·5	348·5
179·5	139·0	Far East Fd	148·7	156·5
251·6	205·7	Nth American Fd	206·5	217·4

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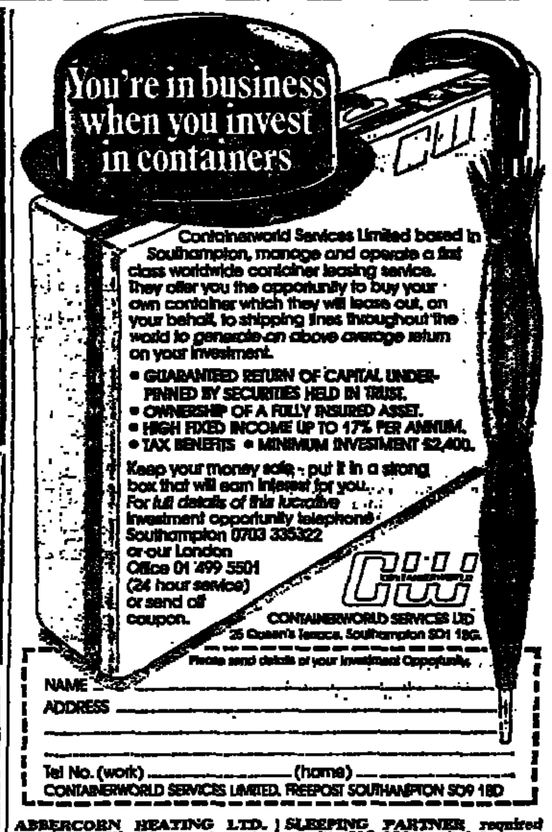

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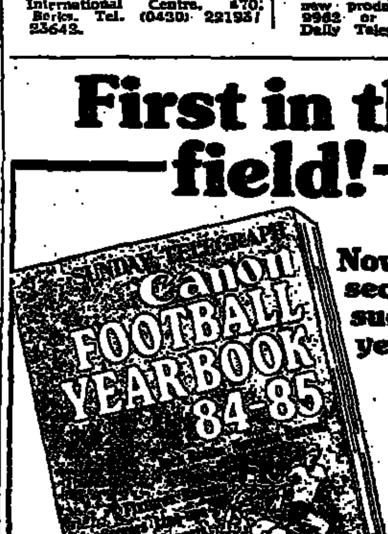

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Shop floor space on the increase

THE TOTAL floor area of shopping centres under construction has increased since March 1 of last year and the amount in the planning stage has also risen.

According to a survey by Dr Russelll Schriller, head of research at Hill Parker May & Rowden, at March 1, 1985 there were 45 comprehensive projects of over 50,000 sq.ft under construction with a total of 6·19 million sq.ft of gross retail floorspace.

And the average size of a scheme under construction has increased from 111,000 sq.ft to 137,580 sq.ft.

The quantity of space which is planned, that is where planning consent has been given and there is intention to proceed by both the planning authority and the developer, has increased at a faster rate and now stands at 12·1 million sq.ft compared with 10·8 million sq.ft in 1984.

Dr Schiller believes that this increase reflects greater confidence by developers, investing institutions and particularly retailers. An important factor has been the willingness of store operators to undertake commitments to lease anchor stores in major developments.

Expanding Beazer in call for £20·3m

By BRUCE KINLOCH

WEST Country housebuilder and property company C. H. Beazer is asking shareholders to stump up £20·5 million by way of a rights issue on a one-for-four basis at 350p a share.

At the same time it is tapping the institutional investment market by coverting £40 million of short-term borrowings into a £20 million medium bank loan and £20 million in medium-term debt through a private isue of a nil coupon loan stock 1990.

Beazer has been following an aggressive expansion policy in recent years and acquisitions have included Second City Properties for £18·5 million in May 1983 and Monsell Youell, a privatey-owned housebuilder, for £8 million later that year.

In June last year it won control of Braham Millar with a £4·5 million offer. And, after an abortive attempt to buy Newcastle-based housebuilder William Leech for £21·45 million, Beazer snapped up M. P. Kent for £33·8 million in October.

After a bitter £48 million battle for the Bath & Portland group late last year Beazer conceded defeat in January and promptly announced an agreed offer for William Leech, £25 millio.nclinching the deal where £21·5 million had failed six months earlier.

The expansion was carried out by the directors led by chairman and managing director Brian Beazer with the objective of achieving growth in earnings per share. In consequence of the acquisitions the company has become one of the larger national housebuilders.

In 1982 Beazer was completing houses at the rate of 750 a year with its geographical spread mainly confined to the West Country. It is now, following the acquisition of Leech, building at the rate of 4,500 a year.

There are plans to consolidate the company's position as a national housebuilder and the directors believe there are significant opportunities for increased profits from this activity. There are also plans to expand the group's other activities, particularly in contracting and building-related products.

The company's growth, particlarly in its housebuilding activities, has inevitably led to a requirement for additional funds for working capital with a consequent rise in the level of borrowings.

It was in order to cover this requirement and to provide a sound base from which to continue to take advantage of opportunities for profitable expansion that the group decided to strengthen the capital base with the conversion of the short-term borrowings.

The issue of the five-year zero-rated loan stock to institutions at £50 per £100 nominal is the brainchild of County Bank, which says that there are tax advantages in this method of raising funds. The final amount to be paid is not being disclosed, but a spokesman for County Bank said yesterday that it would reflect interest rates over the five years.

The mdium-term bank loan has substituted £20 million of short-term borrowings at a variable rate fixed to L I B O R. Beazer plans to post its circular with details of the rights issue and the new loan stock to shareholders today.

Interim pre-tax profits of the group to the end of December 1984 showed an impressive rise of 37·5 p.c. to £6·6 million and were up enough to force stockbrokers' analysts to revise upwards their forecasts of pre-tax profits for the year to June 30, 1985, with the market now looking for around £15·5 million against £11·3 million in 1984.

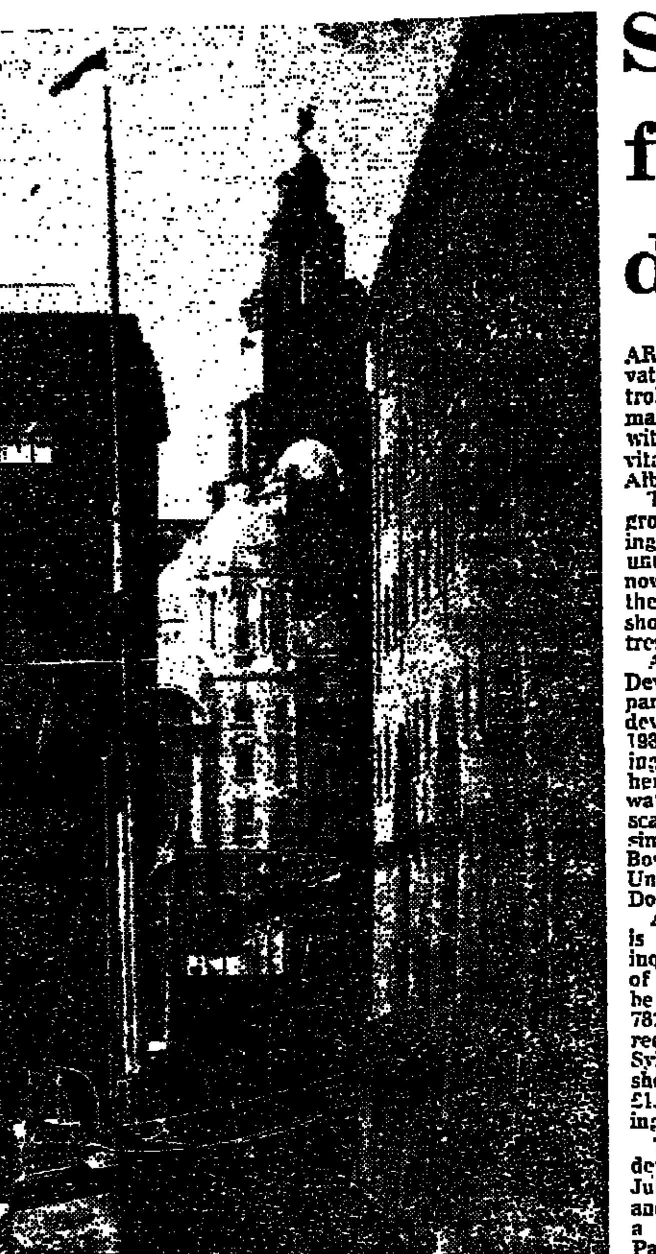
Following the rights calls yesterday Beazer shares slipped 4p to close at 400p.

HERON International has completed its acquisition of two buildings in Paris from the Midland Bank Group. No price has been disclosed

The buildings are located at 2 Place de la Madeleaine (above) and 2 Place de le Rio de Janeiro, both in the 8th arrondissement of Paris. Both buildings are occupied by companies within the Midland Bank Group which is to move into a new building later this year.

Paris property speculation suggests that Ff55 million (£4·66 million) was paid for the Rio de Janeiro building.

Commenting from Paris yesterday Frank MacCaffrey, who heads Heron Developments' French operation, said that the buildings will be an important addition to the Heron portfolio in France. The flag ship of that portfolio is the investment at 10 rue de la Paix which was developed by the group in the 1960's and has always shown a high yield.



OVER the May Day bank holiday weekend more than 10,000 people a day visited the partially refurbished Albert Dock, Liverpool, which is located close to the centre of Liverpool and the Liver Building which can be seen (above) between the Edward Pavilion and the Maritime Museum. The dock complex, which has a total of 1·25 million sq ft of warehousing was opened by the Prince Consort in 1846 and the entire dock is now being revitalised by the Arrowcroft Group with the full potential of the water and the historic brick buildings being utilised.

Shipshape look for Liverpool's docks heritage

ARROWCROFT Group, the private property company controlled by Leonard Eppel, is making impressive progress with its ambitious loans to revitalise Liverpool's historic Albert Dock.

The site forms the largest group of Grade 1 listed buildings in Britain, until recently unused for several decades but now poised to become one of the country's leading tourist, shopping and commercial centres by the end of the decade.

Appointed by the Merseyside Development Corporation as its partner in a £100 million redevelopment in September 1983, Arrowcroft is transforming part of Liverpool's maritime heritage into an exciting mixed waterfront complex on a larger scale than those created by similar refurbishments in Boston and Baltimore in the United States and St Katharine's Dock in London.

An indication of the success is the very high level of inquiries for the second phase of the project, which is due to be completed in July. In all 782 inquiries have been received by letting agents Sykes Waterhouse for the 34 shops at rents ranging from £1,200 to £25,000 a year according to size and position.

The first phase of the development, which opened in July 1984, consists of 12 shops and a restaurant together with a central court in the North Pavilion, and three food and drink stalls at the front of the Quayside Pavilion, plus a large wine bar in the basement.

In addition there are mezzanine floor offices and eventually upper floors of the three storey blocks will be refurbished to provide more offices.

By the end of the decade Albert Dock will be fully restored and converted into a wide range of uses, including around 100 flats, all with fine views over the Mersey or the docks, now bustling with pleasure craft rather than barges and commercial shipping.

As well as the extensive shopping and office element of the dock complex—now named the Albert Dock Village — there will be a wide range of leisure facilities including those connected with water sports.

Arrowcroft is currently negotiating with a major hotel operator to include an international standard hotel within the complex. Yet more of the space has been set aside for exhibition and conference facilities, while 2,000 free parking spaces will also be provided within the scheme.

Merseyside's Maritime Museum is also to be housed in the development. Already of national significance, it will be on completion the largest museum of its kind in Europe.

The project recently received a further boost when the Environment Secretary, Mr Jenkin, confirmed that a new art gallery, the "Tate of the North," will be opened in the spring of 1988.

By the end of 1985 Granada Television will take over the former dock traffic office as the headquarters of its newsgathering operation. The beautifully restored neo-classical building will house the most up-to-date communications equipment in the country.

Arrowcraft is about to place a building contract for the first office phase in the whole of one of the blocks containing 60,000 sq. ft of offices and ground floor showrooms. Rents will be around £5·50 a sq. ft and detailed negotiations are already under way for a major pre-letting to a leading firm of accountants.

IN BRIEF

BRITISH Land's Corn Exchange subsidiary, which owns the Corn Exchange complex in Mark Lane and adjoining properties, has applied for pjlanning consent to redevelop Corn Exchange Chambers, 2 Sething Lane behind the existing listed facade.

There are plans for 36,636 sq. ft. of offices. The group has extensive property holdings in the area, including the 400,000 sq. ft. Plantation House in Mincing Lane.

CITY of London Real Property, the Land Securities subsidiary, has completed its new development at 6 Fenchurch Street, a 58,000 sq. ft office building with full air-conditioning and has now placed the building on the letting market through Edward Erdman at £2 million a year, which equates to £34·50 a sq. ft.

STANDARD Life Assurance, of Edinburgh, has acquired the freehold and long leasehold interests in Faryners House, Monument Street, in the EC3 district of the City of London from Electricity Supply Nominess, the pension fund of the electricity supply industry, for a reputed £20 million.

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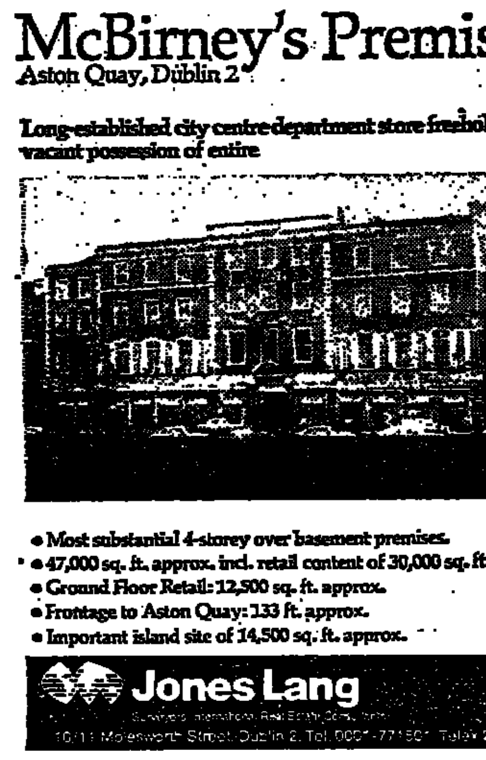

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Sport ... ON 4 PAGES

DUBIAN TO GAIN CONSOLATION IN MUSIDORA

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

DUBIAN, one of the season's unluckiest losers when beaten a head by Stella Grande in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom last month, can advance her Oaks claims when tackling the Musidora Stakes at York this afternoon.

Bireme and Noblesse were Musidora Stakes winners who went on to success in the Oaks and several trainers have chosen today's test for what seem their most promising candidates for Epsom on June 8.

Dubian now faces much stronger opposition than she did in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes, but this lightly-raced daughter of High Line has great potential.

Successful in her only two-year-old race at Newbury last September, Dubian would have readily defeated Stella Grande with a clear run at Epsom last month.

Flying finish

Baulked at a crucial stage, she was flying at the finish. Stella Grande did not possess top-class two-year-old form, but she went on to be a respectable fifth in Oh So Sharp's 1,000 Guineas.

Helen Street, this afternoon's most obvious danger, has twice run with credit against Oh So Sharp. She was conceding that unbeaten filly 4lb when runner-up at Ascot last September and was backward when third to Oh So Sharp and Bella Colora in the Nell Gwyn Stakes this spring.

Bella Colora, like Oh So Sharp, went on to excel herself in a thrilling 1,000 Guineas finish and Helen Street looks sure to win a good race in the near future.

Michael Stoute, who trained Fair Salinia, Rimosa's Pet and Triple First to win the Musidora Stakes, is represented today by Capo di Monte. She, like Dubian and Helen Street, is among the Oaks favourites.

Useful juveniles

Capo di Monte, a stable-companion of Bella Colora, beat another Michael Stoute filly Pretty Pol over 10 furlongs at Newmarket 11 days ago.

Pretty Pol's subsequent defeat in the Lingfield Oaks Trial need not be used to devalue Newmarket form because the extra two furlongs at Lingfield clearly proved beyond her.

Fatah Flare and Ever Genial, Henry Cecil's pair, both showed good two-year-old form. Ever Genial has also run well this spring at Newbury against Top Socialite and Al Bahathri, who later performed with such credit in the French and English 1,000 Guineas.

Cherry Ridge finished fourth in the Nell Gwyn Stakes. Devon Defender was outpaced in the 1,000 Guineas but had previously lost the Salisbury 1,000 Guineas Trial by the narrowest margin to Dafayna.

Teased and Shadywood, third and fourth in Capo di Monte's recent Newmarket race, also run this afternoon. Teased tackles the Musidora Stakes while Shadywood goes for the less competitive B B A Middleton Stakes.

Shadywood was having the first race of her career when beaten by Capo di Monte. This Habitat filly, today's nap, is out of the Cheshire Oaks winner Milly Moss.

Shadywood's stable-companion Lysander can complete a Henry Cecil double in the Wings Holidays Handicap. This colt won his only two-year-old race easing up.

Shergar's half-brother Shernazar, a good fifth to Commanche Run in last year's St. Leger, will have his first race this season in the Yorkshire Cup at York on Thursday.

Opposition is likely to include Longboat, Spicy Story and Old Country. Longboat won the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot two weeks ago with Spicy Story a close and unlucky third.

TODAY'S YORK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
2. 0—New Edition		2. 0—NEW EDITION (nap)
2.35—SHADYWOOD (nap)	2.35—Shadywood	2.35—Ma Petite Jolie
3. 05—Tobermory Boy	3. 05—Tobermory Boy	3.05—Clantime
3.40—Dubian	3.40—DUBIAN (nap)	3.40—Capo Di Monte
4.10—Lysander	4.10—Lysander	4.10—Lembill
4.40—Khaelan		4.40—Khaelan

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Shadywood and Lysander.
NEWMARKET NAP.—Paddycoup (4.40)
TONY STAFFORD.—Lysander (4.10)

Tobermory Boy, selected by Hotspur and Course Correspondent for today's David Dixon Sprint Trophy at York.

Course Notes & Hints

DUBIAN IS BEST OF DAY

By Our Course Correspondent

DUBIAN*, who failed by a head to catch Stella Grande at Epsom, is fancied to land the Musidora Stakes (3.40) at York today.

Alec Stewart's filly won her only race as a two-year-old and was unlucky to lose her unbeaten record at Epsom when denied a clear run approaching the final furlong.

Dubian may be better suited by the extra two furlongs of today's contest and she is preferred to Helen Street, who was third to Oh So Sharp on her reappearance at Newmarket.

Cecil for double

Another who did not get the best of runs in his latest race was Tobermory Boy, who may gain compensation in the David Nixon Sprint Trophy Handicap (3.5). He had to be eased to avoid crowding before going down by a short head to Amigo Loco by Doncaster.

Henry Cecil is expected to complete a double with Shadywood in the B B A Middleton Stakes (2.35) and Lysander in the Wings Holidays Handicap (4.10).

From Newmarket

PADDYCOUP SET FOR SUCCESS

By Our Resident Correspondent

Frank Durr's horses are beginning to show winning form, and his improving three-year-old, Paddycoup, is napped for the Lamson Silver Anniversary Stakes at York today.

Henry Cecil's promising filly Shadywood could open her account with a victory in the B B A Middleton Stakes, and Blue Horizon is fancied for the Netherfield Maiden Stakes at Nottingham tonight.

York.—2.0, New Addition. 2.35, Shadywood. 3.05, All for London. 3.40, Dubian. 4.10, Lysander. 4.40 Paddycoup (nap).

Nottingham.—5.45, Claedo. 6.45, Blue Horizon. 7.15, Iffet. 7.45, Heraldiste. 8.15, Sidab.

SWITCH SAVES PIGGOTT MATCH

The Jockey Club have given Lester Piggott half an hour's grace in order to ensure his match against John Francome goes ahead at Warwick on Saturday evening. In response to Piggott's commitments at The Curragh, principally for the Irish 2,000 Guineas, the race has been put back to 8.15.

EDDERY HAS 42-1 HAT-TRICK

PAT EDDERY brought off a 42-1 hat-trick in the last three races at Wolverhampton yesterday.

English Spring and True Heritage, were two of five successful favourites during the afternoon, when Eddery's other winner was the well-backed Double Dealer.

English Spring, a winner at Epsom last month, followed up with a two-length victory over Reabihah in the Watling Street Fillies' Stakes. She will now go for the Ebbisham Stakes at Epsom on Oaks day.

Double Dealer began his career with high expectations, but this full-brother to Double Form has taken a long time to show his true form. After disappointing from Fulke Johnson Houghton's stable, he was sent to the sales, but failed to reach his reserve.

Change of scene

Connections decided on a change of scene and Baroness Denise Thyssen's colt was sent to Peter Makin. The trainer, opening his account for the season, said: "He has been swimming in Jim Wilson's equine pool, and this has given him the confidence he lacked."

Pontefract featured the extended two mile, five furlong Tote Marathon Handicap, and this stamina test proved ideal for the one-paced Tern.

Peter Easterby's five-year-old led half a mile from home and galloped eight lengths clear of Folkland. "He will go for the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot," said trainer Peter Easterby's son, Tim.

Tedworth Point-to-Point

Double takes Lee to record score

By DAVID WELCH

RICHARD LEE'S double at the Tedworth on Saturday left him in no doubt that he had done the right thing in deciding to continue training point-to-pointers for the foreseeable future.

Last year Lee was seriously considering taking out a professional licence, but then he was approached to handle most of Peter Greenall's horses.

Greenall's Lay The Trump completed Lee's double in the Open, following the success of Majetta Crescent in the Ladies, to give the trainer his best score of 23 winners in a season.

Majetta Crescent, who got Lee's Welsh border stable off the mark at the Brecon in March, was winning his 18th race since joining the yard. Carol Lee the trainer's wife, has ridden him on each occasion, and Saturday's success owed a lot to her skilful handling.

Bergenrose and Caroline Fraser set a furious pace, leaving the fancied Hi Darling and Withernwood, of whom Lee was most afraid, toiling at the back of the field.

Majetta Crescent stayed in touch throughout, with Mrs. Lee taking the inside route in the back straight and on the turn for home, and the favourite had enough in hand to resist the spirited renewed challenge of Bergenrose, who was headed for the first time approaching the last fence.

Half an hour later Lay The Trump proved that even leading trainers sometimes need luck on their side. Odds on for the four-mile Tedworth Gold Cup, he was a well-beaten third approaching the penultimate fence behind Rodshot and Aratilla.

There Aratilla ran out, and Rodshot, with the race at his mercy, screwed badly on landing over the last. Rodshot's rider, Gerald Burton, hung on gamely for several strides before being unseated.

Greenall was left to register his 21st winner of the season by half a length from the fast-finishing Arizona Belle.

Burton takes blame

"It was my fault completely," said Burton. "I took it too easily. If I had ridden into the last we would have made it."

Greenall's attempt to add to his score on Captain Kelly in the Restricted met with no such luck. He was beaten a distance into second place by the front-running Taf, ridden by Linda Sheedy.

York programme

EFFECT OF DRAW: Low numbers have slight advantage up to 6f, more pronounced on soft going.

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO FIRM

2.0 (Jackpot Prefix 1): MOET & CHANDON OPENING STAKES 2-Y-O. Fillies Penalty Value £3,505 5f (6 declared)

2 DIX ETOILES (Mrs E. York), C. Thornton, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 3
3 0 NEW EDITION (R. McAnlsd), B. Hanbury, 8-11 ... L. Piggott 1
4 40 RUNNING RAINBOW (M. Brittain), M. Brittain, 8-11 B. Coogan 2
5 SOFTLY SPOKEN (J. David Abell), R. Whitaker, 8-11 ... J. H. Brown 4
6 STICKY GREENE (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-11 ...... B. Thomson 3
7 VENEZ TRADER (P. Brant), J. Etherington, 8-11 ... M. Wood 6

S.P. FORECAST: 4-5 New Edition, 9-4 Sticky Greene, 6 Dix Etoiles, 8 Softly Spoken, 12 others.

1984: Chepstow Vale 8-11 W. Carson 4-1 W. Hern. 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Unmistakable beat Al-Aabir (gave 3lb) by 2l at Epsom (7f 11y) April 24 (good). On Patrol was beaten 1½l by Goody Blake (level) at Salisbury (1¼m) April 13 (heavy). Ma Petite Jolie was beaten 2½l when 3rd to Purchasepaperchase (level) at Ascot (1m) May 1 (good). Shadywood was beaten 2l when 4th to Capo Di Monte (gave 4lb) at Newmarket (1¼m) May 3 with Rye Tops (rec 1lb) a further 4l 5th (good to firm). The Betsy was beaten 11½l when 9th to Musique Classique (gave 5lb) at Newbury (7f) April 20 (good). Uncornered was beaten 12l when 4th to Slip Anchor (gave 5lb) at Nottingham (1m 50y) Oct. 30 (good to soft). Prudence was beaten 3l when 4th to Main Star (rec 4lb) at Redcar (7f) Aug. 10 (firm). Call Again was 7th of 18 to Pacific Princess (level) at Redcar (6f) Oct. 25 (good to soft).

MA PETITE JOLIE may beat Shadywood.

2.35 (Prefix 2): B B A MIDDLETON STAKES 3-Y-O Fillies £5,642 1m 2½f (11)

1 40-1 UNMISTAKABLE (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-11 ... B. Thomson 7
2 0- CALL AGAIN (Col W. Behrens), W. Elsey, 8-7 .... J. Lowe 6
6 0-33 MA PETITE JOLIE (BF) (Miss Al Maktoum), M. Stoute, 8-7 L. Piggott 9
7 322 ON PATROL (BF) (Mrs P. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-7 P. Robinson 4
9 04- PRUDENCE (Lord Howard de Walden), E. Weymes, 8-7 G. Duffield 8
11 45-00 RYE TOPS (E. Moller), G. Wragg, 8-7 .... P. Eddery 3
12 4 SHADYWOOD (L. Freedman), H. Cecil, 8-7 .... S. Cauthen 10
13 0 THE BETSY (A. J. Bingley Ltd), C. A. Bell, 8-7 Paul Eddery 2
14 4- UNCORNERED (Mrs R. Rogers), B. Hanbury, 8-7 B. Raymond 1
16 DESERT BREEZE (Gulting Stud Ltd), J. Hindley, 8-4 M. Hills 11
18 SCOTS LASS (Mr M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-4 .... W. Carson 5

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Ma Petite Jolie, 11-4 Shadywood, 9-2 Unmistakable, 7 Rye Tops, 8 Scots Lass, 12 The Betsy, 16 Uncornered, 20 others.

1984: Glowing With Pride 9-0 P. Eddery 11-4F G. Wragg. 11 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—New Edition, was beaten 6¼l when 5th to Gwydion (level) at Newmarket (5f) May 3 (good to firm). Running Rainbow was last of 9 to Cabask (rec 7lb) at Edinburgh (5f) April 15 (good).

NEW EDITION may be good enough.

TV (Channel 4): 2.35, 3.5, 3.40 and 4.10

3.5 (Prefix 3): DAVID DIXON SPRINT TROPHY HANDICAP £9,458 5f (15)

1 000-324 PIENCOURT (Mrs E. Richards), C. Austin, 7 9-10 ... B. Rouse 3
3 2010-00 DEPUTY HEAD (C) (D) (P. Callard), L. Holt, 5 9-8 P. Waldron 4
4 004-104 ARDROX LAD (CD) (BF) (H.E. Sheikh Hazza Bin Zayed Al Nahayan), M. Blanshard, 5 9-7 ... J. Reid 15
5 110- ALL FOR LONDON (J. Allen), O. Douieb, 3 9-6 ... A. Lequeux 12
7 2000-00 RAMBLING RIVER (BL) (CD) (Miss G. Richardson), W. A. Stephenson, 8 9-4 ... J. Lowe 14
8 000-043 CLANTIME (CD) (Clantime Ltd), J. Berry, 4 9-1 ...... P. Cook 11
9 0300-02 TOBERMORY BOY (CD) (C. Longbottom), R. Whitaker 8 9-1 J. H. Brown (5) 6
10 21021-0 BE LYRICAL (D) (J. Greetham), G. Pritchard-Gordon, 3 8-10 G. Duffield 5
11 0234-00 ALBANY LAD (D) (Mrs L. Davies), R. Hannon, 3 8-10 P. Eddery 1
12 00230-0 BRI-EDEN (CD) (G. Nelson Robinson), J. Berry, 11 8-9 W. Carson 8
13 01154-0 KELLY'S ROYALE (D) (Mrs J. Yarnold), C. Nelson, 3 8-9 S. Cauthen 7
14 1000-02 BOLLIN EMILY (D) (Mrs N. Westbrook), M. H. Easterby 4 8-4 M. Birch 9
15 4000-00 FORM MASTER (D) (Mrs M. Lilest), Denys Smith, 4 8-3 M. Fry 2
16 1U4014- CHINA GOLD (D) (Mrs D. Ibbotson), Miss L. Siddall, 6 8-2 G. Gosney 10
17 200000- SWEET SONJA (Reindeer Antiques Ltd), G. Huffer, 4 7-13 G. Carter (5) 13

S.P. FORECAST: 4 Tobermory Boy, 5 Clantime, 6 Albany Lad, All For London, 7 Bollin Emily, 8 Ardrox Lad, Piencourt, 10 Deputy Head, 12 others.

1984: Pampas 4 7-12 W. Carson 15-2 A. L. Moore, Ireland. 17 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Tobermory Boy was beaten sh hd by Amigo Loco (gave 14lb) at Doncaster (5f) May 6 with Ardrox Lad (gave 11lb) a further 2l 4th, and Form Master (rec 7lb) 7th (firm). Bollin Emily was beaten ½l by Bincleaves (rec 14lb) at Haydock (5f) May 4 (good). Clantime was beaten 2¼l when 3rd to Meeson King (rec 16lb) at Chester (5f) May 9 (good). Piencourt was beaten 2¼l when 4th to Prince Sabo (rec 4lb) at Newmarket (5f) May 4 with Albany Lad (rec 12lb) a further 3¼l 6th (good to firm). Deputy Head was beaten 6¼l when 7th to Ameghino (rec 14lb) at Kempton (5f) May 4 (firm). All For London was beaten 17¼l when 12th of 13 to Park Appeal (level) at Newmarket (6f) Oct. 5 (good).

CLANTIME is preferred to Tobermory Boy.

3.40 (Prefix 4): MUSIDORA STAKES 3-Y-O Fillies £28,341 1m 2½f (9)

2 132-1 CAPO DI MONTE (Maktoum Al Maktoum), M. Stoute, 9-0 A. Kimberley 5
3 020-4 CHERRY RIDGE (E. Moller), G. Wragg, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 4
4 4-20 DANCELA (Mrs A. Richards), C. Brittain, 9-0 ...... P. Robinson 6
5 100-20 DEVON DEFENDER (BL) (A. J. Bingley Ltd), D. Elsworth, 9-0 B. Rouse 7
6 1-2 DUBIAN (Mohammed Obaida), A. Stewart, 9-0 ...... P. Eddery 9
7 11-4 EVER GENIAL (L. Freedman), H. Cecil, 9-0 ...... Paul Eddery 1
8 1032- FATAH FLARE (Sheikh Mohammed), H. Cecil, 9-0 S. Cauthen 3
9 112-3 HELEN STREET (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-0 ...... W. Carson 8
14 40-03 TEASED (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 9-0 .... B. Thomson 2

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Helen Street, 11-4 Dubian, 5 Capo Di Monte, 7 Teased, 8 Fatah Flare, 10 Cherry Ridge, 16 Ever Genial, 25 Others

1984: Optimistic Lass 9-0 W. R. Swinburn 9-1 M. Stoute. 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Capo Di Monte beat Pretty Pol (level) by ¾l at Newmarket (1¼m) May 3 with Teased (rec 5lb) a further ½l 3rd and Dancela (rec 5lb) 7th (good to firm). Dubian was beaten hd by Stella Grande (level) at Epsom (1m 110y) April 23 (good). Fatah Flare was beaten ¾l by Bella Colora (level) at Goodwood (7f) Aug. 24 (good to firm). Helen Street was beaten 3½l when 3rd to Oh So Sharp (level) at Newmarket (7f) April 18 with Cherry Ridge (rec 3lb) a further 1½l 4th (good). Ever Genial was beaten 3¼l when 4th to Top Socialite (level) at Newbury (7f 60y) April 19 (good). Devon Defender was beaten 21½l when 15th to Oh So Sharp (level) at Newmarket (1m) May 2 (good to firm).

CAPO DI MONTE may win again. Helen Street the danger.

4.10 (Prefix 5): WINGS HOLIDAYS HANDICAP 3-Y-O £5,049 1m 1f (12)

1 1120- MOUJIK (Sheikh Mohammed), W. Hern, 9-7 .... W. Carson 3
2 1- LYSANDER (Lord Howard De Walden), H. Cecil 9-3 S. Cauthen 5
3 0412-20 SHEER CLIFF (Sheikh Mohammed), I. Balding, 9-0 P. Eddery 10
4 10- KALKOUR (H.H. Aga Khan), M. Stoute, 9-0 ... A. Kimberley 7
5 11133-4 GOLDEN BEAU (D. Hunnisett), D. Morley, 8-12 ... B. Rouse 2
7 2320-0 CHANCE INA MILLION (D. Hodgson), Denys Smith, 8-8 D. Leadbitter (5) 11
9 03011-4 ARISTOCRAT VELVET (Evrrsure Textiles Ltd), J. Etherington, 8-7 ... T. Ives 1
10 1300-00 RARE STAMP (T. Waterman), J. Winter, 8-5 ...... G. Duffield 9
14 0310- KELRO (J. Swaine), B. Hanbury, 8-0 .... P. Hamblett 6
15 0013D1- SENOR RAMOS (Mrs S. Brook), S. Norton, 7-12 ... J. Lowe 8
17 0310-23 LEMHILL (S. Hinton), M. Blanshard, 7-11 .... R. Cochrane 4
19 4-02030 SHELLMAN (BF) (D. Sowerby), K. Stone, 7-7 ... L. Charnock 12

S.P. FORECAST: 100-30 Lemhill, 4 Senor Ramos, 9-2 Lysander, 6 Moujik, 7 Kalkour, 10 Chance Ina Million, 14 Sheer Cliff, 16 Aristocrat Velvet, 20 Others.

1984: Barry Sheene 9-0 W. Carson 5-2F J. Dunlop. 13 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Lysander beat Artaius Mead (level) by 4l at Leicester (1m) Nov. 6 (soft). Senor Ramos beat Prince Darius (rec 17lb) by 1½l at Edinburgh (7f) Nov. 7 with Shellman (rec 13lb) a further ½l 4th (soft). Lemhill was beaten sh hd ½l when 3rd to Prince Lyph (gave 6lb) at Sandown (1m) April 27 with Sheer Cliff (gave 19lb) a further 6l 5th and Rare Stamp (gave 10lb) 8th (good). Kalkour was beaten 6l when 7th to Tom Boat (level) at Sandown (7f) Sept. 26 (good to soft). Chance Ina Million was beaten 20¼l when 9th to Shadeed (level) at Newmarket (1m) May 4 (good to firm). Moujik was 11th of 12 to Palliopora (rec 28lb) at Doncaster (1m) Sept. 15 (good to soft). Golden Beau was beaten 5½l when 4th to Midnight Tiger (rec 6lb) at Brighton (1m) April 29 (firm). Aristocrat Velvet was beaten 4½l when 4th to Torquemada (rec 8lb) at Doncaster (1m) May 6 (firm).

LEMHILL is on a handy mark. Lysander next best.

4.40 (Prefix 6): LAMBSON SILVER ANNIVERSARY STAKES 3-Y-O £5,284 1¼m (9)

2 03-01 LHASA (Lady Howard De Walden), E. Weymes, 8-13 B. Raymond 3
3 0-10 WITCHCRAFT (E. Moller), G. Wragg, 8-13 .... L. Piggott 9
4 200-112 KHAELAN (BF) (A. Salman), S. Norton, 8-10 .... J. Lowe 8
5 31 PADDYCOUP (Faiz Al-Motawa), F. Durr, 8-10 ...... G. Starkey 5
6 01 SANCHI STEEPLE (R. Tikkoo), J. Hindley, 8-10 ...... M. Hills 7
9 330-4 LEINSTER LAD (Comdr H. Grenfell), J. Dunlop, 8-7 B. Rouse 6
10 003-342 MOSS EMPIRE (Mrs H. Beaufort), R. Hannon, 8-7 S. Cauthen 4
12 023- VOCCISAFE (Lord Scarbrough), W. Hern, 8-7 .... W. Carson 2
14 02 BOGGY PEAK (J. Morrison), J. Tree, 8-4 .... P. Eddery 1

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Leinster Lad, 4 Vouchsafe, 5 Sanchi Steeple, 11-2 Lhasa, 8 Khaelan, Boggy Peak, 10 Witchcraft, 14 Others.

1984: Baynoun 8-13 S. Cauthen 4-7F R. Houghton. 12 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Lhasa beat Khaelan (gave 15lb) by 1½l at Haydock (1¼m) May 4 (good). Paddycoup beat Joist (level) by 1½l at Thirsk (2m) April 26 (good). Sanchi Steeple beat Naftilos (level) by ½l at Doncaster (1¼m) May 6 (firm). Leinster Lad was beaten 8½l when 4th to Skaramanga (gave 7lb) at Newmarket (1¼m) May 4 with Witchcraft (gave 7lb) a further 12l 5th (good to firm). Vouchsafe was beaten 3l when 3rd to Mac's Reef (level) over the course (7f) Sept. 6 (good). Boggy Peak was beaten 7l by Miller's Tale (gave 3lb) at Bath (1m 5f 50y) April 30 (good). Moss Empire was beaten 4l by Persian Knight (gave 3lb) at Chepstow (1¼m) April 18 (soft).

KHAELAN is preferred to Leinster Lad.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

YORK

Course Winners.—3.5 (5f): Deputy Head (5f), Ardrox Lad (5f), Rambling River (5f), Clantime (5f), Tobermory Boy (5f), Bri-Eden (5f).

Jockeys (since March, 1980).— Piggott 52, Carson 50, Cauthen 42, P. Eddery 40, Swinburn 21, J. Mercer 14, Baxter 14, Birch 11, Duffield 10, Starkey 10, Waldron 10.

Trainers.—Hern 32, Cecil 24, Stoute 24, Hills 23, Dunlop 21, Hobbs 16.

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Horses wearing blinkers for the first time today are: YORK.—3.40, Devon Defender. NOTTINGHAM. — 5.45, Cheeky Roses.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Helen Street (3.40 York) is today's revised nap for Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

Folkestone fields and jockeys

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
1.45—Arizona	1.45—Star Wonder
2.15—Staccato	2.15—Fury Boy
2.45—Squiffy's Daughter	2.45—Martineau
3.15—Barstick	3.15—Barstick
3.45—Royal Judgement	3.45—Royal Judgement
4.15—Middleriver	4.15—Middleriver
4.45—Jack of all Trades	4.45—Jack of all Trades

Advance Official Going: 'Ch GOOD TO FIRM: Flat FIRM

ALL RACES EXCEPT 1.45 FOR AMATEUR RIDERS

1.45: GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE Penalty Value £802 2m 110y (20 declared)

0 Grannies Rocket, J. Gifford, 5 11-7 E. Murphy (7)
2 00 Kingswood Kitchens, S. Harris, 5 11-7 R. Arnott (4)
4 Magic Man, T. Hills, 6 11-7 ... Mr T. Hills
5 Roman Sins, J. Gifford, 6 11-7 M. Palmer (7)
7 0 Arizona, C. Thornton, 4 11-2 Mr T. Thomson Jones
9 Debbies Prince, C. Bravery, 4 11-2 A. Jones (4)
10 0 Digby Drive, D. Wintle, 4 11-2 Mrs D. Tsakarasianos
11 Duke Of Arms, T. Clay, 4 11-2 Mr A. J. Wilson
12 00 Empress Josephine, C. Bravery, 5 11-2 Miss A. Newton-Smith (7)
13 00 Jack's Luck, M. Tompkins, 4 11-2 Mr A. Dent (7)
14 00 Marchesi, J. O'Donoghue, 4 11-2 Mr B. O'Leary
15 03 Milbird, J. O'Donoghue, 4 11-2 Mr W. Sim
16 Puree Belle, Mrs J. French, 6 11-2 Miss L. French (7)
18 Skyranger, J. Jenkins, 4 11-2 .... —
19 P Sovereign Singer, G. Gracey, 4 11-2 P. Gracey (7)
20 02 Star Wonder, J. Bridger, 4 11-2 R. Galvin (7)
21 Super Energy, J. Gifford, 4 11-2 A. Doyle (7)
23 20 Again Kathleen, R. Hannon, 4 10-11 P. Corrigan (7)
26 D'Vol, M. O'Halloran, 4 10-11 P. Coonry (7)
28 Rise An Run, J. Gilford, 4 10-11 Mr T. Grantham (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Star Wonder, 7-2 Arizona, 9-2 Milbird, 11-2 Again Kathleen, 7 Grannies Rocket, 10 Skyranger, 12 Roman Sins, 14 others.

2.15: FRED LONG CHALLENGE CUP AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,366 2½m (12)

4 30P0-30 Staccato (D), O. Vaughan-Jones, 12 11-7 Mrs J. McMath (7)
5 221124-0 John Brush (CD), J. Gifford, 7 11-4 T. Grantham (7)
9 034-4FP Tower Moss (C), A. Neaves, 12 10-11 Miss P. Fitch-Heyes (7)
10 2F2304 Polar Express (CD), W. King, 10 10-10 S. Sherwood
11 434542 Fury Boy (D), D. Nicholson, 10 10-10 G. Oxley (7)
15 F1-0P00 Carbury's Kit, C. Willett, 10 10-7 Miss F. Belcher (7)
16 P30PB0 Armatrist, N. Wheeler, 6 10-7 N. Wheeler (7)
18 PFP The Fruit, R. Ledger, 6 10-7 Miss N. Ledger
21 1300P-0 Kelpie, D. Hardine-Jones, 7 10-7 P. Harding Jones (7)
22 20/PP-00 Come Play With Me (BL), J. Bridger, 10 10-7 L. Fogerty (7)
23 0PU-PFP General Sands, C. Willett, 7 10-7 C. Willett (7)
24 PP-3- Just Victoria, T. M. Jones, 11 10-7 S. Dresley (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Fury Boy, 11-4 Staccato, 9-2 John Brush, 8 Polar Express, 10 Kelpie, 12 Tower Moss, 16 others.

2.45: CUCKOO MAIDEN HUNTERS' CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS' 'CHASE £879 2½m (18)

2 20P/00-0 Brandyland, W. Haynes, 12 12-7 Miss L. French (7)
3 F- City Affair, J. Maslam, 11 12-7 John Hickman (7)
4 004- D'Arcy Spice, G. Hamlett, 8 12-7 Mrs L. Jewell (7)
6 P- Flight, H. Gibbon, 6 12-7 Mr S. Andrews (4)
7 P Hit Me Again, R. Abres, 7 12-7 Mrs J. McMath (7)
9 00P00/P- Jumping Bean, Mrs P. Mills, 9 12-7 P. Hickman (7)
10 P Kaln, Mrs C. Tanner, 8 12-7 P. Tylano (7)
11 34 Martineau, Mrs A. Villar, 6 12-7 S. Cowell (7)
12 0P0 McCoy, J. Bates, 8 12-7 ... L. Fogerty (7)
13 403-0 Menewetick, J. Fisher, 10 12-7 J. Fisher (7)
15 Next Best, T. Hills, 9 12-7 ...... T. Hills (7)
16 FF000F- Night Attack, Mrs F. Surgess, 9 12-7 Mrs G. Elliot (7)
17 Redlands Bank, Dr C. Studd, 11 12-7 T. Nichol (7)
19 0- Templetuoun, R. Dench, 11 12-7 James Rickman (7)
22 0-0F40P Usted Arriba (BL), Mrs F. Townsley, 10 12-7 P. Townsley (7)
23 0- Moonring, H. J. Jarvis, 8 12-2 P. Bull (7)
24 4/P-P4 Squiffy's Daughter, D. Campbell Nisbet, 10 12-2 ... Miss S. French
25 P- Mind Out, C. S. Wilson, 5 11-9 C. Wilson (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Martineau, 3 Squiffy's Daughter, 4 Kula, 6 Night Attack, 8 Moonring, 12 Usted Arriba, 16 others.

3.15: SHEPHERD NEAME UNITED HUNTS OPEN CHAMPION HUNTERS' 'CHASE £1,277 3¼m (6)

2 1- Barstick (CD), L. Turner, 7 12-0 D. Turner
3 41PPP2 Corked (C), Mrs A. Villar, 6 12-0 S. Cowell (7)
4 02-0043 Dancing Brig (CD), T. Clay, 14 12-0 A. J. Wilson
5 01233P/ Kalkashaandi, O. Vaughan-Jones, 9 12-0 G. Cooper (7)
6 P32200/ King Weasel, J. Hickman, 15 12-0 James Hickman (7)
9 Upshire, Alec Smith jnr, 8 12-0 T. Thomson Jones

S.P. FORECAST: 13-8 Barstick, 11-4 Corked, 9-2 Dancing Brig, 8 King Weasel, 10 Kalkashaandi, 16 Upshire.

3.45: 'GONE AWAY' OPEN HUNTERS' 'CHASE £1,075 3¼m (8)

1 211211 Royal Judgement, Lady Rootes, 12 12-10 P. Hacking (7)
3 1PP320 Barn Nooka (BL), W. Kemp, 8 12-7 C. Newport (7)
5 010002 Segahan Dam, Mrs W. Barnes, 11 12-4 C. Fogerty (7)
7 03241P/ Architrade, R. Dench, 11 12-0 James Hickman (7)
15 2/22320- Physicist, R. Orpin, 13 12-0 A. Hickman (7)
17 3012/P-3 Swarm (BF), J. M. Turner, 8 12-0 D. Turner
18 31U32P-0 Almgers Green (D), D. Gibbon, 11 11-9 Mrs L. Gibbon
19 B2FP00/ Bush Lady (CD), A. Henry, 10 11-9 Miss J. Henry (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 8-11 Royal Judgement, 7-2 Barn Nooka, 5 Almgers Green, 8 Swarm, 14 Bush Lady, 16 others.

4.15: GUY PEATE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES' HUNTERS' 'CHASE £831 3¼m (10)

3 Black Dual, Mrs N. Davis, 9 12-7 K. Mizen (7)
4 Current News, J. Langridge, 10 12-7 A. Hill (7)
5 Disturbed, Mrs A. Hacking, 7 12-7 P. Hacking (7)
7 8 Good Memories, H. Trigg, 11 12-7 S. Claisse (7)
9 Home Grown, Miss J. Drew, 9 12-7 C. Madock (7)
10 0/ Keltee Boy, P. Morlock, 11 12-7 P. Hickman (7)
11 004422- Middleriver, J. M. Turner, 8 12-7 D. Turner
13 0/P034P- Pamroy Lad, R. O'Sullivan, 8 12-7 D. Evatt
14 Sweet Token, Alec Smith jnr, 7 12-7 A. Smith (7)
18 The Hoolee, W. Haynes, 7 12-2 Miss T. Wright (7)

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Middleriver, 11-4 Keltee Boy, 6 Pamroy Lad, 8 Good Memories, 14 Disturbed, 16 others.

4.45: UNITED HUNTS OPEN CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS' 'CHASE £1,065 2½m (11)

2 132221 Jack Of All Trades (D), J. Delahooke, 9 12-7 ... A. Hill (7)
4 0-1004P The Guinea Man, N. Cosgrave, 8 12-7 C. Newport (7)
5 44-0300 Henry Kissinger (D), H. Swaffield, 11 12-4 T. Swaffield (7)
6 U2-3241 The Coplow, Mrs M. Bennion, 12 12-4 W. Wales (7)
7 04-0042 8 Jaski, M. Truster, 6 12-0 Miss F. Belcher (7)
9 0-32220 Johnny Tarquin, R. Ledger, 11 12-0 Miss N. Ledger
10 0P/42-34 Loxman, S. Wilshire, 9 12-0 Mrs L. Gibbon
11 30P-044 Lord John, P. Newton, 9 12-0 N. Harris (7)
12 12/2P05 Mr Mellors (CD), Mrs A. Villar, 12 12-0 S. Cowell (7)
14 30/1- Pendleton, O. Vaughan-Jones, 8 12-0 G. Cooper (7)
16 F3B3P0 Westerline Rome, D. Marley, 11 12-0 D. Marley (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Jack Of All Trades, 7-2 Pendleton, 5 Loxman, Henry Kissinger, 8 The Coplow, Mr Mellors, 14 Jaski, 20 others.

NOTTINGHAM CARD AND DRAW

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
5.45—Going Broke	5.45—Hieronymous
6.15—The Tender Matador	6.15—The Tender Matador
6.45—St Sepulchre	6.45—King of the Sea
7.15—Caernarvon Boy	7.15—Caernarvon Boy
7.45—Heraldiste	7.45—Heraldiste
8.15—Absent Lover	8.15—Absent Lover

EFFECT OF DRAW: High numbers slightly favoured up to 6f

Advance official going: GOOD TO FIRM

5.45: MAPPERLY HANDICAP Penalty Value £1,419 2m (8 declared)

2 0042-22 Hieronymous, M. Pipe, 4 9-8 ... J. Reid 6
7 001-000 Cheeky Roses (BL), B. Stevens, 4 9-8 D. McKay 4
8 000-003 Arbian, Mrs S. Davenport, 4 9-2 J. Williams 5
10 05400-4 Claedo, R. J. Williams, 4 9-1 ... R. Hills 1
11 2154-34 Going Broke, D. Murray Smith, 5 8-13 M. Wigham 2
12 40020-0 Mariners Dream, R. Hollinshead, 4 8-10 S. Perks 3
14 01000-0 Tudor Singer, D. Leslie, 4 8-12 M. Rimmer 3
15 300040/ Ishkomann, J. Spearing, 6 8-12 P. Cook 8

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Hieronymous, 5-2 Going Broke, 7-2 Claedo, 8 Cheeky Roses, Tudor Singer, 12 others.

6.15: ST ANNS SELLING STAKES 2-Y-O £825 5f (5)

3 05034 The Tender Matador (BL), B. Stevens, 8-11 D. McKay 4
4 00 Dalby Girl, P. Felgate, 8-8 ... M. Miller 5
9 0 Miss Dee Fee, M. W. Easterby, 8-8 M. Hindley (5) 2
11 0 Octiga, M. Brittain, 8-8 ... B. Coogan 3
15 00 Toros Queen, M. C. Chapman, 8-8 D. Dineley 1

S.P. FORECAST: 4-7 The Tender Matador, 5 Miss Dee Fee, 6 Dalby Girl, 8 Toros Queen, 10 Octiga.

6.45: NETHERFIELD MAIDEN STAKES 2-Y-O £1,442 6f (24)

2 Beat The Posse, N. Callaghan, 9-0 M. L. Thomas 8
3 0 Blue Horizon, W. Jarvis, 9-0 ... N. Day 21
4 0 Bobby Shafto, C. A. Bell, 9-0 Paul Eddery 3
5 000 Common Farm, M. Brittain, 9-0 B. Coogan 17
6 Cyrano de Bergerac, W. Hastings-Bass, 9-0 R. Lines (5) 18
7 Fourno Trumps, P. Rohan, 9-0 .... — 5
8 Gaardi, W. Jarvis, 9-0 ...... R. Hills 14
9 00 Joker Man, B. Stevens, 9-0 .... — 24
10 05 King Of The Sea, B. Hobbs, 9-0 G. Baxter 22
11 Mac's Flyer, W. O'Gorman, 9-0 ... T. Ives 1
14 0 My Monte, C. Nelson, 9-0 ... I. Johnson 19
15 Fytchley Prince, R. Hollinshead, 9-0 S. Perks 12
16 Seamere, K. Brassey, 9-0 S. Whitworth (3) 2
17 0 Seclusive, C. Tinkler, 9-0 ... M. Birch 23
18 0 Skyeslik, R. Sheather, 9-0 ... R. Cochrane 7
19 404 Solent Lad, B. Stevens, 9-0 T. Williams (3) 10
20 Sprowston Boy, P. Kelleway, 9-0 Gay Kelleway (5) 16
22 40 Sunset Ridge, D. Sasse, 9-0 D. McKay 9
23 00 Terebinth, G. Pritchard-Gordon, 9-0 G. Duffield 20
25 U-K Roadrunner, R. Stubbs, 9-0 D. Nicholls 4
27 00 Dublinsire, J. Rowlands, 8-11 M. Beecroft 11
28 44 Honey Loch (BF), J. Berry, 8-11 K. Darley 6
30 0 Solent Breeze, W. G. M. Turner, 8-11 T. Williams (3) 13
31 00 St Sepulchre, M. W. Easterby, 8-11 K. Hodgson 13

Fourno Trumps and Joker Man non-runners, state trainers

S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 King of the Sea, 9-2 Mac's Flyer, 11-2 Seclusive, 7 Seamere, Common Farm, 8 Sunset Ridge, St Sepulchre, 10 Honey Loch, 12 others.

7.15: CLIFTON SPRINT HANDICAP 3-Y-O £2,215 6f (7)

3 31200-0 Iffet, J. Hindley, 9-7 ...... M. Hills 3
4 0044-0 Easy Day, E. Eldin, 9-5 . A. Mackay 5
5 0030- Straw Reef, J. Sutcliffe, 9-1 M. L. Thomas 7
9 0000-00 Doppio (1), G. Blum, 8-12 G. Duffield 6
10 0000-00 Boarding House, K. Stone, 8-11 C. Dwyer 1
13 12400-0 Tickled Trout (D), J. Berry, 8-8 K. Darley 2
14 01200-2 Caernarvon Boy (D), R. Hollinshead, 8-8 S. Perks 4

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Caernarvon Boy, 3 Iffet, 7-2 Tickled Trout, 7 Boarding House, 10 Easy Day, 12 Straw Reef, 14 others.

7.45: SNEITON STAKES 3-Y-O £2,726 1m 50y (14)

1 10-3 Heraldiste, H. Cecil, 9-4 Paul Eddery 4
3 0- Assagiawi, Thomson Jones, 9-0 A. Murray 8
4 40- Country'n Western, J. Spearing, 9-0 S. Lawes 13
7 Dawn Spirit, E. Eldin, 9-0 .. .. — 12
8 Glitwood, G. Gaines, 9-0 D. Nicholls 11
10 Indian Groom, O. Douieb, 9-0 A. Lequeux 14
14 Loch Blue, C. Booth, 9-0 ... R. Hills 1
18 002 Creeager, W. Wharton, 8-11 ...... R. Fox 5
20 00- Dudley's Star, A. Bailey, 8-11 A. Bond 2
23 000-0 For A Lark, J. Winter, 8-11 .... — 10
24 0 Forever Tingo, L. Lightbrown, 8-11 P. Bloomfield 7
25 0 Karamanad, H. Collingridge, 8-11 G. Sexton 9
26 0 Kingswood Allied, S. T. Harris, 8-11 R. Cochrane 3
28 0-3 Ra Ra Girl, B. McMahon, 8-11 A. Mackay 6

S.P. FORECAST: 1-2 Heraldiste, 5 Indian Groom, 8 Assagiawi, 12 Creeager, 20 Ra Ra Girl, 25 others.

For A Lark non-runner, states trainer.

8.15: WOODTHORPE HANDICAP £1,602 1¼m (19)

1 20000-0 Leonidas (D), D. Arbuthnot, 7 9-10 J. Reid 15
3 0000-21 Absent Lover, F. Yardley, 4 9-9 (7lb ex) I. Johnson 19
4 4000-00 Sidab (C), W. Musson, 5 9-6 P. Waldron 7
8 314130- Pulsate (C), C. Benstead, 4 9-1 R. Cochrane 18
9 4000131 Fulvio, J. Jenkins, 5 9-0 J. Williams 14
11 00005-0 Meteleid, G. Huffer, 4 8-13 W. Litwin (7) 3
13 40000-0 Pennys Double, W. Guest, 4 8-12 E. Guest (5) 8
15 09200-4 Tipo Stile, G. Huffer, 4 8-11 D. Dineley 1
19 3540-00 Lady Liza, B. Stevens, 4 8-9 D. McKay 10
20 1000-00 Stades (D), R. Hollinshead, 4 8-8 W. Ryan 12
21 03010-0 Kauhas (D), K. Stone, 6 8-8 C. Dwyer 9
22 44340-0 Bold Rowley, G. Thorner, 5 8-7 A. Bond 13
24 2300-00 Marguarita Time, P. Felgate, 4 8-6 M. Miller 5
26 00-0 Kuwait Mister, J. Sutcliffe, 5 8-5 M. L. Thomas 11
27 00-0000 Carol's Music, M. Brittain, 4 8-4 B. Coogan 4
28 0000-04 Dominion Blue, J. Spearing, 4 8-2 G. Duffield 6
31 000-000 Blondello, N. Callaghan, 6 7-10 R. Fox 17
32 010-200 Panlolo, J. L. Harris, 5 7-7 ... A. Proud 16
33 00-00 Miss Marley, J. Rowlands, 5 7-7 M. Fry 2

S.P. FORECAST: 4 Absent Lover, 5 Tipo Stile, 6 Pulsate, 7 Fulvio, 8 Dominion Blue, 10 Leonidas, 12 Kauhas, Bold Rowley, 14 others.

Yesterday's results and prices

PONTEFRACT

Going: FIRM

2.45: SNAITH STKS 2-Y-O Penalty Value £1,724 5f

THE HILCOTE CLUB, b c Porto Bello—Samba (G. Northage), 9-3 R. Cochrane ... 6-4F 1
ABSALOUTE SERVICE, b f Absalom—Greenhill Lass (J. J. Blakey Haulage Co. Ltd), 8-8 D. Nicholls ... 5-1 2
SYLVAN EXPRESS, b c Baptism—Folla Remont (Mrs R. Johnson), 8-11 G. Duffield ... 5-1 3

Also: 11-4 Calixtos (4th), 14 Kerry May Sing (5th), 20 Cabask (6th), 33 Space Trooper. 7 ran. 2½l, 5l, 2½l, 2½l (M. McCormack, Wantage.) Tote: Win, £2·20; places, £1·70, £1·40; Dual F'cast: £8·80. SPSF: £9·04. NR: Websters Feast.

3.15: OSSETT S STKS £812 1¼m

APACHE TOUS, b or br f Tachypous—Miss Mandy (Mrs C. Jones), 4 8-12 P. Robinson ... 11-2 1
JAY-ZEE BOY, b c Moulton—Lataka (J. Zwirn), 3 7-8 A. Roper ... 5-2F 2
BROON'S LADY, b f Rapid River—Devil's Moon (W. Brown), 4 8-10 G. Brown ... 12-1 3

Also: 11-2 Sweet Gemma, 6 Victoria Miss (5th), 8 Habat's Melody (6th), 11 Lady Abwah, Night Train, 12 Scott's Hill, 20 Big Smile, Sound Work (4th), 25 Dragonade, Dodge the Thistle, Kamarock, Sooner, Wyoming. 16 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 7l, 1½l, 4l. (W. Musson, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £8·40; places, £2·30, £1·70, £5·70; Dual F'cast: £13·60. SPSF: £21·25. NR: Nigel's Angel.

Winner bought in for 1,300gns.

3.45: T. B. DARLEY MEMORIAL H'CAP £2,742 6f

LINPAC LEAF, b f Tower Walk—North Page (Lin Pac Containers Ltd), 4 8-1 J. Lowe ... 11-2 1
CREE BAY, br g Bay Express—Porsanger (D. Spencer), 6 10-0 A. Murray ... 11-2 2
ASSWAN, ch g Sharpen Up—Wild Romance (S. Adham), 5 9-2 M. Hills ... 2-1F 3

Also: 8 Marshal Ostoff, Spoilt For Choice (6th), Sylvan Barnum (4th), 12 Courageous Buzby, Gun On Lad, 16 Old Dominion, 20 Good N' Sharp (5th), Rapid Lady, 33 Moonwort. 12 ran. Hd, 1½l, 6l, ¾l, sh-hd. (W. Elsey, Malton.) Tote: Win, £5·50; places, £2·20, £1·80, £1·10; Dual F'cast: £15·10. SPSF: £35·85. Tricast: £76·17.

4.15: TOTE MARATHON H'CAP £1,755 2m 5f 153y

TERN, b g Blakeney—Marcela (G. Leatham), 4 8-0 M. Hindley ... 3-1 1
FOLKLAND, b f Auction Ring—Oriental Star (T. Kanawati), 4 9-0 M. Hills ... 5-1 2
CAPTAIN TWINKLE, b h Royalty—Miss Vanadium (Mrs S. Groves), 5 9-2 P. Robinson ... 10-1 3

Also: 9-4F Tugboat (5th), 5 Mister Cannibal, 11-2 Appeal To Me (6th), 16 Connex, 20 Hydrangea, 25 Val's Pride, Wordsworth (4th), 50 Just A Spark. 11 ran. 8l, 4l, 7l, 8l, 5l. (M. H. Easterby, Great Habton.) Tote: Win, £3·30; places, £1·90, £2·70, £2·20; Dual F'cast: £11·70. SPSF: £20·05. Tricast: £135·01. NR: My Cherie.

4.45: PONTEFRACT MDN MILE CH'SHIP (Qualifier) 3-Y-O. £2,805 1m

KUFUMA, b c Habitat—Ready And Willing (B Hamoud) 9-0 M. Miller ... 5-2 1
DOORSET COTTAGE, b g Thatching—Stogumber (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 N. Day ... 7-1 2
SPLIT LUAGE, ch c Star Appeal—Regal Twin (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 M. Hills ... 8-1 3

Also: 2F Star Eris, 7 Al-Waited (4th), Paris Match (6th), Try Scorer (5th), 14 Forward Rally, 16 Frax, 20 Eliedon, Pithy, 25 Restoration, Summer Rider, 33 Fordhams Fancy, 50 Arcville, Fred, Brother Adam, Empire Sands, Kingora, Scotch Rocket, The Golf Slide, Lifting Lad. 21 ran. ¾l, 5 l, 3 l, 3 l, ¾ l, 1 l. (G. Huffer, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £5·20; places,
£1·20, £3·30, £3·20; Dual F'cast, £16·20. SPSF: £26·25.

5.15: GARFORTH APPRENTICE H'CAP 3-Y-O. £1,046 5f

FLOMEGAS DAY, b c Lucky Wednesday—Dauphiness (Mrs R. Oliver), 7-7 P Hill ... 16-1 1
PARADE GIRL, br f Swing Easy—Dauphi ness (Mrs R. Olivier) 7-7 A Whitehall ... 13-2 2
HI-BUNSLEY, b f Swing Easy—Hi Conkers (R Urquhart) 9-3 S Hodgson ... 3-1F 3

Also: 7-2 Y I Oyston, 4 Glen Glory (4th), Name the Game (5th), Cartoon, Enchanted Lady (6th), Ashley Hope. 10 ran. 3/4 l, sh hd, 1½ l, hd, 1½ l. (B McMahon, Tamworth). Tote: Win, £25·00; places, £3·50, £2·60, £1·10; Dual F'cast, £164·10. SPSF: £117·37. Tricast: £371·33. PLACEPOT: £75·55.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Going: STRAIGHT GOOD TO FIRM remainder FIRM.

2.30 (5f): Gossiper (B. Raymond, 13-8F) 1; Diamond Oyster (M. Wigham, 16-1) 2; Special Guest (N. Crowther, 7-1) 3. Also: 11-4 Cooper Racing Nail, 6 Monstrosa, 12 Sandy Puratas, 14 Taylor of Soham (6th), 16 La Jambalaya (4th), 25 Sparkling Gem (5th), 33 Night of the Comet, Turmy Hill. 11 ran. 1½l, 3l, 3l, nk, sh hd. (M. Jarvis, Newmarket). Tote: win, £4·30; Places: £1·40, £4·70, £2·20; Dual F'cast: £149·00 SPSF: £38·12.

3.0 (5f): Kirchberg (S. Perks, 4-7F) 1; Del Boy (I Johnson, 20-1) 2; Digger Lass (R. Adams, 16-1) 3. Also: 4 Vicarage Vincent, 9-2 L'Etoile du Palais (4th). 5 ran. 8l, 3½l, 1½l, 15l. (R. Hollinshead, Upper Longdon). Tote: win £1·40; Places: £1·00, £7·90; Dual F'cast: £12·30, SPSF: £9·32.

3.30 (1m): Gilderdale (S. Dawson, 4-5F) 1; My Handsome Boy (P. Eddery, 6-1) 2; Norstown (J. Reid, 9-1) 3. Also: 7-2 Open All Hours (5th), 12 Why Tumble (4th), 16 Embroideress. 6 ran. ½l, 1l, 2l, 6l, 1½l. (N. Vigors, Upper Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £1·80; places, £1·10, £2·90; Dual F'cast: £5·00. SPSF: £6·15.

4.0 (1m 1f): English Spring (P. Eddery, 11-8F) 1; Reabihah (R. Hills, 9-2) 2; Subjective (W. Ryan, 12-1) 3. Also: 3 Kindjal (4th), 7 Dame Nellie (5th), 12 Kushka (6th), 33 Rosedale. 7 ran. 2l, 2l, 1½l, 3l, 3l. (I. Balding, Kingsclere.) Tote: Win, £2·60; places, £1·10, £4·20; Dual F'cast: £7·50. SPSF: £7·91. NR: Kristana.

4.30 (7f h'cap): Double Dealer (P. Eddery, 10-1) 1; Mr Rose (T. Quinn, 10-1) 2; Gay Meadow (W. Ryan, 4-1JF) 3; Bushy Top (W. Woods, 20-1) 4. Also: 4JF Aphrodisiac, 11-2 Abjad, 8 Commodio, 12 Brorkton, 16 Hopeful Waters (6th), Uptown Girl, 20 Courageous Boy, Ter's Hill (5th), 33 Frosty Moon, Crackerjack, Mobournes, Danclunno. 16 ran. ½l, ¾l, nk, sh hd, 3l. (P. Makin, Marlborough.) Tote: Win, £14·60; places, £3·50, £1·20, £1·10, £4·80; Dual F'cast: £45·60. SPSF: £100·75. Tricast: £427·40. NR: Toy Boy.

5.0 (1¼m h'cap): True Heritage (P. Eddery, 4-6F) 1; Pearl Run (W. Carson, 7-2) 2; Monclare Trophy (D. Dineley, 12-1) 3. Also: 8 Dhofar (5th), Tinoco (6th), 33 Theodas, 50 Alerts, Ballet Champ (4th), Brigadier Hawk. 9 ran. 2l, hd, 2l, 3l, ½l. (A. Hide, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £1·60; places, £1·00, £1·70, £2·20; Dual F'cast: £8·80. SPSF: £5·76. Tricast: £12·72. NR: Dick Knight.

PLACEPOT: £15·50.

WINDSOR

Going: GOOD

6.20 (1¼m 22y h'cap): Combamplon (I. Johnson, 25-1) 1; Coupon Clipper (20-1) 2; Spanish Bald (11-1) 3; Nigel's Angel (10-1) 4. 18 ran. Merry Tom & Air Strike 5JF. Nk, 2½l. (F. Yardley). Tote: Win, £129·90; places, £25·30, £11·80, £2·10, £2·60; Dual F'cast (winner or 2nd with any other): £20·50. SPSF: £400·95. Tricast: £4,713·94. NR: Fordauess.

6.45 (5f): Green Dollar (P. Cook, 14-1) 1; Camilla's Boy (7-1) 2; Toramos (9-2) 3. 12 ran. Ideally 5-2F. Hd, hd. (B. Gubby). Tote: Win, £17·00; places, £5·60, £2·10, £1·40. Dual F'cast: £185·20. SPSF: £128·30.

7.10 (1m 3f 150y h'cap): Arbor Lane (P. Cook, 20-1) 1; Cheshire House (33-1) 2; Folly Inn (11-2) 3; Gunner Girl (4-1F). 19 ran. ½ l, 1 l. (M. Haynes.) Tote: Win, £19·10; places, £3·10, £8·20, £2·70, £1·80. Dual F'cast: £633·50. SPSF: £505·18 Tricast: £3,636·97.

7.40 (5f): St Croix Castle (R. Cochrane, 4-1) 1; Queen Of Sahara (16-1) 2; Shari Louise (7-1) 3. 8 ran. Cinnamon Sky 13-8F. 2 l, 2 l. (M. McCormack.) Tote: Win, £4·70; places, £2·30, £3·30, £3·70. Dual F'cast: £28·90. SPSF: £33·31. N.R.: La Davina.

8.10 (6f h'cap): Kip (G. Starkey, 5-1) 1; Farmer Jock (25-1) 2; Elsieeb (7-2F) 3. 13 ran. 2l, 4l. (D. Thom.) Tote: Win, £7·50; places, £2·00, £6·20, £1·60; Dual F'cast: £135·90. SPSF: £108·25. Tricast: £443·28.

8.40 (1¼m 22y): Chicklet (J. Mercer, 7-4F) 1; Polar Cub (4-1) 2; Watford Gap (14-1) 3. 16 ran. Hd, 8l. (P. Walwyn). Tote: Win, £3·20; places, £1·50, £1·50, £3·10; Dual F'cast: £4·00. SPSF: £9·28. NR: Running Flush, Abu Steel, Royal Saltor.

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6.0 (2m hdle): Gennaro (P. A. Charlton, 6-1) 1; Portside (6-1) 2; Derek's Bay (6-1) 3. 18 ran. Galleum 11-2F. 3l, 2½l. (M. Naughton.) Tote: Win, £5·10; places, £1·50, £2·00, £5·00. Dual F'cast: £15·40. SPSF: £41·92.

6.30 (2m hdle): Le Baron Rouge (J. McLaughlin, 5-1) 1; Walton Heath (2-1F) 2; Happy Always (8-1) 3. 8 ran. 2l, 6l. (B. Charnley.) Tote: Win, £5·30; places, £1·20, £1·10, £2·50; Dual F'cast: £5·20. SPSF: £13·77. NR: Tommy Gun.

7.0 (2½m h'cap 'ch): George Cold Rolled (C. Grant, 2-1F) 1; Hazy Glen (10-1) 2; Coeur Vaillant (12-1) 3. 9 ran. 6 l, 1 l. (Denys Smith.) Tote: Win, £3·80; places, £1·10, £3·20, £2·50. Dual F'cast: £8·90. SPSF: £19·96. Tricast: £171·84. N.R.: Super Solo, Ring Lou, Park Tower.

7.30 (2½m h'cap hdle): Lambeath Hall (C. Grant, 11-4) 1; Larry Hill (14-1) 2; Strath Leader (15-8F) 3. 8 ran. 3 l, nk. (A. Smith.) Tote: Win, £3·00; places, £1·70, £6·50, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £26·90. SPSF: £34·38. N.R.: Rapsbury.

8.0 (3m 'ch): Super Tony (Mr J. Walton, 10-1) 1; Hazy Day (5-1) 2; Heron's Reflection (8-1) 3. 11 ran. Purple Beam 7-2F. 5l, hd. (F. Walton.) Tote: Win, £7·60; places, £1·60, £2·80, £1·40; Dual F'cast: £25·60. SPSF: £52·73. NR: Polobi.

8.30 (2m hdle): Sharp Song (C. Fairhurst, 13-8F) 1; Molly Carew (16-1) 2; Polarsium (16-1) 3. 19 ran. 8l, 4l. (T. Fairhurst). Tote: Win, £2·80; places, £1·10, £7·00, £5·60; Dual F'cast: £61·60. SPSF: £55·30.

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Course Winners.—2.15 (2½m 'ch): John Brush (2½m 'ch), Tower Moss (2½m hdle), Polar Express (2½m 'ch). 3.15 (3¼m 'ch): Barstick (3¼m 'ch), Corked (2½m 'ch), Dancing Brig (3¼m 'ch twice). 3.45 (3¼m 'ch): Almgers Green (3¼m 'ch), Bush Lady (3¼m 'ch). 4.45 (2½m 'ch): Mr Mellors (2½m 'ch twice).

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YORK.—2.0, New Edition; 2.35, Shadywood; 3.5, All For London; 3.40, Helen Street (nap); 4.10, Golden Beau; 4.40, Paddycoup.

NOTTINGHAM. — 6.15, Miss Dee Fee; 6.45, Honey Loch; 7.15, Tickled Trout.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow (Flat and NH) is engaged today.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: York & Southwell, "good to firm"; Brighton, "firm"; Hereford, "good."

ALBERT SEWELL, on the eve of the F.A. Cup Final, introduces a Wembley hero of by-gone days . . . a man who played in three Cup Finals, including the first at Wembley in 1923, and did not concede a goal.

PYM IS NUMBER ONE AMONG CUP FINAL GOALKEEPERS

IN a year when football has honoured the birthdays of Sir Stanley Matthews (70) and Sir Stanley Rous (90), it is appropriate, this Cup Final week, to salute Dick Pym.

He is the oldest surviving player to receive a winner's medal — or rather, three of them.

Among Cup final goalkeepers, Dick Pym's record is unique. He played for Bolton Wanderers three times at Wembley, always on the winning side and with his goal intact: 2-0 v West Ham in 1923, 1-0 v Manchester City in 1926 and 2-0 v Portsmouth in 1929.

He was the fisherman turned footballer who, when it came to Cup finals, preferred an empty net. The threes did not end with those Wembley shut-outs at three-yearly intervals; he was also capped three times by England.

Now 92, he still lives at Topsham in Devon, beside the River Exe, where he was born on Feb. 2, 1893. Last month, Dick and his wife Elsie — they have two sons, two daughters, five grand-children and eight great-grand-children — celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

He ascribes his good health to being a teetotaller and non-smoker and, as he tells you in a rich local accent, to the clean Devon air.

Pym moved from Exeter City to Bolton in 1921. The fee of £4,000 was big money in those days, unlike the wages.

He and his Cup-winning colleagues earned the maximum £8 a week during the season, £6 in summer. The year before Wembley opened, the F A reduced the Cup Final bonus from £10 to £8.

Invaded pitch

Mr Pym remembers Wembley's first final, on April 28, 1923, for the scenes rather than the play. "To be honest, it was not a very good game, but an occasion I will never forget," he says.

"We had to wait 40 minutes in the dressing-room while they cleared the field and because of the crowd all round the touchlines, the teams didn't go off at half-time. Even the players helped to push the fans back."

The official attendance was 126,047 (receipts £27,776 compared with Saturday's first £1m Cup Final). In truth, nearer 250,000 invaded the new Empire Stadium that day — still the world's biggest assembly for a football match — and every final since has been all-ticket.

Comparing the game in the 20s with the mid 80s, Mr Pym says "Modern goalkeepers have it much easier. In my day, I often had a man assigned to marking me!

Big fellows

"You had big fellows like Dixie Dean charging at you and if you didn't watch out, you could find yourself dumped in the back of the net—and a goal given.

"If we had been protected like they are today, I reckon I could have carried on playing until I was 30."

After finishing with Bolton, he spent one last season (1932-33) with Yeovil Town. Then he went back to fishing at Topsham for a living, until he was 82.

Dick Pym, 92, whose Cup final record is unique. He lives at Topsham

As Pym watches Saturday's final from his living-room armchair, he will study the respective No. 1s closest of all.

Southall praised

"From what I have seen, Neville Southall is one of the best modern 'keepers. I have some doubts about Gary Bailey, though. For me, he is not in command of his penalty-area enough.

"I think this final will be touch and go, the teams are so well matched. Manchester United have their brilliant days, but Everton are much more consistent."

Like the goalkeeper who played in three Wembley finals in the 20s and collected gold each time.

CUP FINAL BONUS

Fans buying this year's official F.A. Cup Final programme have a chance to win a £7,600 car—a Vauxhall Astra GTE. Wembley will issue around 300,000 programmes, each printed with a potential lucky number for the prize draw to be made at the match.

European Soccer — By MICHAEL CALVIN

Krankl & Panenka are key figures

TWO players prematurely dismissed as fading heroes pose the most potent threat to Everton in tomorrow's Cup-Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam.

Hans Krankl and Antonin Panenka, key figures in Rapid Vienna's controversial progress to their first European showpiece, are embellishing reputations established in the last decade.

Krankl, 32, is a difficult, often surly, character blessed with finely-honed opportunist instincts.

A former European Footballer of the Year, he has been exploiting his experience so successfully that Branko Elsner, the new manager of Austria's national team, has asked him to consider an international comeback.

Poise retained

Panenka, 37, has retained the poise and powerful shooting which made him an influential member of the Czechslovakia side which won the European Championship in 1976.

Rapid's leading scorer in the competition with five goals, his ability to punish opponents from free kicks stands comparison with Michel Platini.

Otto Baric, a shrewd manager who uses youngsters such as Peter Parult and Peter Hrstic in supporting roles to his seasoned stars, appreciates the personal implications of success.

Just as Real Madrid's widely-anticipated U E F A Cup triumph has le dto thte offer of a year's contract for Luis Molowny, he has led to the offer of a year's demand.

Stuttgart, anxious to restore prestige after a disappointing defence of their Bundesliga title, head the suitors.

BELGIAN LGE.—Beerschot 1, Ghent 1—FC Liege 2, Waterschei 2—FC Bruges 9, St Niklaas 0—Standard 3, Cs Bruge 0—Lokeren 1, Lierse 1—Anderlecht 3, Antwerp 0—Mechelen 1, Kortrijk 1—Waregem 4, Seraing 1-Beveren 5, Racing Jet 0. Leading positions (31 games): Anderlecht 55 pts; Waregem 44; FC Bruges 44.

ITALIAN LGE.—Ascoli 3, Cremonese 2—Atalanta 1, Verona 1—Avellino 1, Como 1—Fiorentina 0, Torino 0—Inscreus 1, Sampdoria 1—Milan 0, Lazio 0—Roma 4, Inter 3—Udinese 2, Napoli 2. Leading positions (29 games): Verona 41 pts; Torino 37; Inter 36. Verona are champions.

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DUTCH LGE.—NAC Breda 7, PEC Zwolle 3—Roda JC Kerkrade 1, Den Bosch 1.

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International Soccer

ENGLAND CALL FOR 36-GOAL DIXON

By DONALD SAUNDERS

KERRY DIXON, who has scored 36 goals for Chelsea since they returned to the First Division last August, took an important first step towards a place in England's World Cup squad yesterday, when he was invited to join their rehearsal in Mexico City next month.

Dixon and the Everton midfield pair, Peter Reid and Paul Bracewell, are the new names among the 22 from whom Bobby Robson will choose his teams for the six games facing England during the next five weeks.

Missing from the squad—who will visit Finland, Scotland, Mexico and the United States—are such regulars as the Arsenal trio, Tony Woodcock, Paul Mariner and Steve Williams, and the highly promising Nottingham Forest striker, Peter Davenport.

The veteran Mariner may well have made his last appearance, Woodcock and Davenport are injured and Williams is one of several players put on standby in case of injury or unavailability.

Davenport not fit

Dixon receives his chance largely because Davenport is not fit to resume his international career, which was interrupted by injury after he had made his debut as a substitute in the closing stages of a friendly against the Republic of Ireland in March.

Nevertheless, Mr Robson has clearly been impressed by the Chelsea youngster's finishing touch, which has earned him the distinction of being the League's joint leading scorer — in his first season among the top clubs.

"I have watched Kerry several times and believe he deserved a chance," said England's manager. "He has scored prolifically in three divisions and you cannot argue with that."

Dixon's call up comes some two years after his move to Chelsea from Third Division football with Reading, who will receive an extra £25,000 on top of his £150,000 transfer fee, if he plays twice for England.

Thanks to Reading

"That would be a nice way of saying thank you to Reading for rescuing me from non-League football with Dunstable," he suggested last night.

"What faces me now is an enormous amount of work as I try to establish myself at international level. What I must do for England is to keep scoring goals, while I learn the other aspects of my game."

Dixon may have to wait patiently for his debut, if Mark Hateley and Trevor Francis are permitted by their Italian employers to take part in the last five matches.

Reid and Bracewell may also be denied an early introduction because of club calls. Still, they have forced their way into contention with outstanding performances.

Week in and week out they have shown their skills during Everton's relentless drive to the League Championship and into the finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup and the F.A. Cup.

"This news gives a fine start to a great week for Everton," commented Howard Kendall, the club's manager, who hopes to see his team win both knockout trophies this week, by defeating Rapid Vienna tomorrow night and Manchester United on Saturday afternoon.

Bracewell, an ever-present in the England Under-21 squad who won last season's U E F A tournament, admitted that the possibility of getting into the senior party had crossed his mind. "But so much has been happening at Everton that I have not been able to give much thought to it," he added.

Reid receives his call-up belatedly, at the age of 28, during a season in which he has already been voted Player of the Year by his fellow League professionals and could win three coveted medals.

On club duty

With Trevor Steven already in the team and Gary Stevens retaining his place in the squad, Everton now have twice as many players in the party as any other club—and are likely to see Andy Gray and Graeme Sharp called up by Scotland today.

Unfortunately, the presence of the Everton quartet and the Manchester United pair, Bryan Robson and Gary Bailey, in England's 22 could cause problems for Mr Robson—if the F A Cup final has to be replayed a week on Thursday.

In that event, England's manager would release all six from the squad, who leave Luton on Sunday for a World Cup qualifier in Finland tomorrow week.

Even if there is no replay, England will still be without the Everton players in Scotland on Saturday week. They will be on duty for their club in a League match against Liverpool the previous Thursday night.

They will also be late joining the tour, since England leave for Mexico a fortnight today, a few hours before Everton meet Luton in a League game.

Further problems could arise if Hateley, Francis and Ray Wilkins are not released by their Italian clubs for the friendlies in Mexico City against Mexico, Italy and West Germany.

All this explains why Mr Robson has placed Steve Hodge, Danny Thomas, Ricky Hill and Mick Harford on stand-by, along with Williams.

The squads

ENGLAND

Shilton (Southampton), Bailey (Man Utd), Woods (Norwich), Anderson (Arsenal), Stevens (Everton), Sansom (Arsenal), Butcher (Ipswich), Wright (Southampton), Fenwick (QPR), Watson (Norwich), Robson (Man Utd), Wilkins (AC Milan), Steven (Everton), Hoddle (Spurs), Reid (Everton), Bracewell (Everton), Hateley (AC Milan), Waddle (Newcastle), Lineker (Leicester), Barnes (Watford), Francis (Sampdoria), Dixon (Chelsea).

UNDER-21

Woods (Norwich), Seaman (Birmingham), Parker (Fulham), Venison (Sunderland), Pickering (Sunderland), Cranson (Ipswich), Butterworth (Coventry), Adams (Arsenal), Barker (Blackburn), I. Snodin (Doncaster), Robson (Arsenal), Allen (West Ham), Cottee (West Ham), Wilkinson (Everton), Walters (Aston Villa), Rideout (Aston Villa), Donowa (Norwich).

Everton players Paul Bracewell and (right) Peter Reid after their call-up by England yesterday.

NORWICH TAKE NO CHANCES

By ROGER MALONE

NORWICH are attempting to create a Cup Final atmosphere in their camp for their last chance, to stave off the growing threat of relegation at Chelsea tonight.

Booking his squad into a Hertfordshire hotel overnight, instead of normal travel today, manager Ken Brown's attitude to a slump since winning the Milk Cup final, seven weeks ago, is to prepare as they did for their Wembley success.

"Because we just have to win this game at Chelsea, which is now more important to the club than the Milk Cup Final was, we have made the preparation as near as possible the same, so that the players can have no excuses," said Mr. Brown.

Norwich look like finding Chelsea in no mood to surrender any points. "We can qualify for the EUFA. Cup if we win our last game," said manager John Neal. He is sending out his most experienced line-up.

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Dixon incentive

That includes Kerry Dixon, eager to justify his England call-up and move ahead of Tranmere's John Clayton to become leading scorer in all four divisions. Tranmere's fixtures are completed, and bothe are on 36 goals from all competitions.

Coventry, six points worse off than Norwich but with 12 left to try for, hurry Brian Kilcline, their giant central-defender, back into action at Ipswich, after six weeks out with an ankle injury.

Ipswich, their better goal-difference rendering survival almost a certainty in their last two games, are nonetheless primed by manager Bobby Ferguson who said: "We can do our neighbours, Norwich, a favour by beating Coventry, but that comes second to determination to win for ourselves."

Eric Gates, Ipswich's experienced former England striker, is interesting Newcastle as a possible replacement for Tottenham-bound Chris Waddle.

West Ham's chance to make a move away from relegation is heightened by tonight's visitors Stoke, already down, being without two of their better forwards, Mark Chamberlain and Keith Bertshin, both unfit.

BRADFORD GAME: LEAGUE TO RULE

The Football League will rule today on whether a game on Sunday between Bradford and Lincoln at Bradford Northern's Odsal ground will count as a League fixture.

Graham Kelly, League secretary said last night, "We are prepared to allow Saturday's score to stand, but if it is tthe confirmed wish of both clubs to treat the game as a League fixture we will almost certainly go along with that." He added if the game is replayed as a League fixture, the League's gate percentage would go to the disaster fund.

SOCCER GAMES FOR TODAY

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

CANON LEAGUE—Div. I

Chelsea v Norwich
Ipswich v Coventry
Southampton v Liverpool
Tottenham v Sheff Wed (8)
West Ham v Stoke

DIVISION III

Brentford v Millwall
Bristol Rov v York (7.45)
Reading v Gillingham

DIVISION IV

Darlington v Torquay
Rochdale v Mansfield

TESTIMONIAL MATCHES.—Dennis Mortimer: Aston Villa v England XI. Peter Foley: Oxford Utd v Manchester Utd XI.

WELSH CUP. — Final, 1st Leg: Shrewsbury v Bangor City.

FOOTBALL COMB. — Millwall v Arsenal (2 p.m.).

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 2: Burnley v Blackpool (7). Sunderland v Oldham.

WEST LONDON CUP. — Final: Wimbledon v Fulham.

UTD COUNTIES LGE.—Ampthill v Buckingham, Baldock v Stamford, Brackley v Arlesey, Rothwell v Holbeach.

OTHER MATCH.—C. Palace XI v Sutton Utd.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE. — Prem. Div.: Beckton v Brimsdown (7). BROB Barnet v Thatcham (7.45).

SCHOOLS. — SW Counties Lge. Under-19 final: Hereford & Worcs v Avon (at Malvern Town). ESFA Gillette Trophy, Final, 1st leg: Doncaster v Merton (at Doncaster Rovers).

Blissett hurt as Watford hit five

By MICHAEL CALVIN

Watford ... 5 Manchester United ... 1

MANCHESTER UNITED completed their competitive preparations for the F A Cup Final in disturbing fashion at Vicarage Road last night when Watford's emphatic victory was soured only by the loss of Luther Blissett with a serious head injury.

The minute's silence in memory of the victims of the Bradford fire, observed with moving solemnity by a large crowd, seemed to put even the lofty ambitions of United into perspective.

But that, and the resting of Bryan Robson and Jesper Olsen, could not excuse the slackness which Watford exploited with gleeful ease.

It took them just 10 minutes to take the lead. Blissett beat Gidman for pace before supplying the cross, which Taylor touched on for the unmarked Callaghan, who scored with a crisp half-volley.

Atkinson squirms

Ron Atkinson, United's manager, began to squirm on his touchline bench when, four minutes later, Callaghan's curling free-kick fro mthe left was missed by Barnes, Terry and, most importantly, Bailey, on its uninterrupted path to the net.

The defence's disarray was so marked that it was no surprise when West, initially thwarted by a magnificent save, converted Callaghan's thoughtful square pass to increase Watford's advantage in the 32nd minute.

United continued to look vulnerable—Barnes and Blissett both missed further chances—and composure during the interval their only attacking response was a Stapleton effort, which Sinnott cleared off the line.

It was impossible to escape the irony that the defence, which included Moran, is the one unit likely to be unchanged when United face Everton at Wembley.

They recovered a measure of but the difficulties of combatting Watford's direct style were emphasised again in the 66th minute.

Blissett hurt

Callaghan's right-wing corner was flicked on by Barnes and Blissett scored with a brave, stooping header.

Less than a minute later, Blissett appeared to suffer serious injury when he collided with Bailey, whose immediate plea for a stretcher was eventually answered.

Blissett, badly bruised and with a large gash in his head, lost consciousness as he was taken to hospital. He left behind a Watford side in rampant form and, nine minutes from the end, Jackett headed Watford's fifth.

United's consolation goal — a diving header by Moran deep into injury time — mattered little.

Watford.—Coton; Sinnott, Rostron, Taylor, Terry, McClelland, Callaghan, Blissett, West, Jackett, Barnes.

Manchester Utd.—Bailey; Gidman, Albiston, Whiteside, McGrath, Moran, Duxbury, Strachan, Hughes, Stapleton, Brazil.

Boxing

Duke McKenzie out to copy brother Clinton

By KEN MAYS

DUKE McKENZIE will be hoping to emulate his elder brother Clinton by winning a British title when he meets Danny Flynn, of Scotland, for the vacant fly-weight crown at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Derby night, June 5.

The Brixton-based boxer, who has had to fight half of his 10 professional contests in the United States because of the poor competition at home, is confident he can go on to lift the European title.

Duke, at 22 the youngest of the four fighting McKenzie brothers from South London, is to share a double championship bill with Bristol's Nick Wilshire, who has been signed to challenge Ken Salisbury, the Liverpool-born Australian, for the Commonwealth light-middleweight title.

Both McKenzie and Wilshire are managed by Mickey Duff, who shares the promotion with Mike Barrett and is confident that both will go on to better things in the next few months.

Big-name appeal

Mr Duff said: "McKenzie is a great little fighter who has had to be held back because of the lack of good opponents outside the world top 10. But he needs a few more fights before I can consider him ready to step in the ring with them.

"Wilshire is already established in the States. He has had eight fights out there and has all the appeal to become a big name. He has only lost two out of 34 fights and they were both to Jimmy Cable. Although I don't want to take anything away from Cable's wins, there were circumstances surrounding both fights."

McKenzie appears the odds-on favourite to succeed Irishman Hugh Russell, who retired as undefeated champion at the end of last month, but Wilshire could find a problem with Salisbury.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

CANON LEAGUE—Div. I

Watford (3) 5 Man Utd (0) 1
Callaghan 2 Moran
West
Blissett
Jackett —20,047

DIVISION II

Huddersfield (1) 2 Sheff. U. (0) 2
Tempest P. Smith
Robinson Cockerill
—4,416

DIVISION III

Bournemouth (1) 3 Newport (0) 0
Claridge
Rafferty
Carter og —2,511

Wigan ... (0) 1 Reading ... (0) 1
Newell Gilkes
2,582

FOOTBALL COMB.—Arsenal 6, Watford 0—Charlton 5, Reading 1—C. Palace 2, Tottenham 3—Luton 1, Birmingham 4—Portsmouth 1, West Ham 0—Swindon 2, Chelsea 5. Chelsea are champions.

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 1: Sheffield Wed. 4, West Bromwich 3.

Div. 2: Hull 1, Leeds 0—York 1, Wigan 0.

TESTIMONIAL.—Jhon Shaw: Bristol City 2, W. Bromwich 4.

TESTIMONIAL. — Ted Pearce: Farnborough T 2, Oxford Utd XI 7.

Motor Racing

TOLEMAN RETURN

By BRIAN ALLEN

AFTER weeks of intensive and complicated negotiations, Tolemans should be back on the Grand Prix trail this weekend at Monaco.

With an impressive new car, the TG185 the Witney-based team were frozen out of the first three G'Ps this season because no one would supply them with tyres.

Now they have wriggled back by taking over the tyre contract which the Sprit Team had with Pirelli. Toleman have compensated Spirit for this for an undisclosed sum.

Alex Hawkridge, Toleman's managing director, said yesterday that negotiations were finalised at the weekend and Teo Fabi would have two cars at his disposal in Monaco.

Tight circuit

Though only 20 cars are allowed on the Monaco grid because of the tightness of the circuit, Mr Hawkridge is confident that the Italian driver previously with Brabham will be able to qualify for Sunday's race.

Fabi hopes to test the Toleman at the Paul Ricard circuit on the way to Monaco. The team now has the sponsorship from Benetton, who also back the Alfa Romeo team and will be racing in black and white livery.

"We are still trying very hard to get John Watson into a second car," said Mr Hawkridge. "Pirelli say that the earliest possible date when they can supply tyres for a second car will be the French Grand Prix at the beginning of July."

Sold contract

He dismissed as speculation suggestions that Eddie Cheever was to be transferred from Alfa Romeo to the Toleman team, with Mauro Baldi switching from Spirit to Alfa Romeo. So where does this leave Spirit?

Director John Wickham says they are withdrawing temporarily. "We have sold the tyre contract to Toleman," he said, "but we are continuing to trade and carrying on building our new carbon fibre car in time for the French Grand Prix. We want to continue in Formula 1."

But he admitted he did not know where his tyres would come from.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LGE CUP.—Wolverhampton v King's Lynn (postponed, waterlogged track).

LEAGUE CUP.—Reading v Swindon (Postponed—track waterlogged).

NAT. LGE.—Exeter 49 (M. Coles 10), Ellesmere Port 29 (D. Morton 8).

REAL TENNIS

U S WOMEN'S OPEN (Newport, Rhode Island). — Singles final: E. Woodthorpe bt N. Douglas 6-4, 6-5. Doubles final: Woodthorpe & J. Talbert bt F. Newman & C. Rohner 6-4, 6-3.

Cricket

HANTS IN RACE TO VICTORY

By DOUG IBBOTSON at Canterbury

HAMPSHIRE achieved their first limited-over victory at Canterbury since 1976 when they humbled Kent by 90 runs with nine overs to spare in yesterday's restarted Benson and Hedges zonal match.

The Gold Award went to Mark Nicholas who, having scored a brisk 45 in Hampshire's 215 for eight, handled his bowling resources adroitly as Kent were dismissed for 125.

Kent v Hampshire

In the latter respect Nicholas was handsomely served by Cardrgan Connor, whose four for 27 involved three wickets in one over.

Though Kent required only five run an over from an allotted 45, the early batsmen gave the impression that eight an over would be a worthier challenge. By the time this became a reality half the side had gone and with them any hope of victory.

Hampshire began the day with confident enterprise as Chris Smith and Nicholas, shrugging off the early loss of Terry and assisted by a rush of extras, fashioned an attractive partnership.

Five short of his half-century, however, Nicholas, having played particularly forcefully off his legs, attempted to cut Underwood and was bowled off-stump. Smith soon followed as Ellison, falling backwards at mid-wicket, took a spectacular catch.

Cowdrey strikes

This, and the next two wickets, fell to Cowdrey in a thoughtful spell of nine overs and 38 runs—but not before Robin Smith, driving powerfully, and Turner, running audaciously, had put on 50 in eight overs.

Smith's departure at 152 heralded a decline in Hampshire's serene progress as four wickets fell in five overs for the addition of 28 runs — the last that of James, brilliantly run out by the sprawling Cowdrey from mid-wicket.

With four overs remaining and the score at 189 Cowley fell to Baptiste and the psychological target of 200 began to recede but Parks and Tremlett, using their feet and hitting selectively, rounded off the innings in some style.

The Kent innings began in bright sunshine, though not metaphorically so as Benson in the first over feathered a catch to Parks off Connor.

Tavare, attempting to drive James, was also taken at the wicket—a superb diving catch—Hinks pulled Cowley to Chris Smith on the leg-side boundary and Cowdrey dollied the same bowler to James at mid-off.

When Parks took his third catch to dismiss Baptiste, Kent, at 50 for five, were beyond redemption.

SATURDAY.—Kent 9-0 (5 overs). This score declared void. R. M. Ellison replaced G. W. Johnson in Kent team for new match. Hants unchanged.

HAMPSHIRE

V. P. Terry, b Dilley	8
C. L. Smith, c Ellison, b Cowdrey	25
*M. C. J. Nicholas, b Underwood	45
D. R. Turner, b Ellison	31
R. A. Smith, c Hinks, b Cowdrey	30
J. J. E. Hardy, c Benson, b Cowdrey	4
N. G. Cowley, b Baptiste	11
K. D. James, run out	0
†R. J. Parks, not out	11
T. M. Tremlett, not out	17
Extras (lb 19, w 10, nb 4)	33
43 overs. Total (8 wkts)	215

Did not bat: C. A. Connor.

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-90, 3-97, 4-152, 5-161, 6-180, 7-180, 8-189.

Bowling: Jarvis 4-0-27-0, Dilley 5-0-25-1, Baptiste 3-0-38-1, Ellison 9-0-41-1, Underwood 8-2-29-1, Cowdrey 9-0-38-3.

KENT

M. R. Benson, c Parks, b Connor	0
S. G. Hinks, c C. L. Smith, b Cowley	21
C. J. Tavare, c Parks, b James	12
D. G. Aslett, c Turner, b Tremlett	42
*C. S. Cowdrey, c James, b Cowley	2
E. A. E. Baptiste, c Parks, b Nicholas	3
†A. P. E. Knott, b Connor	19
R. M. Ellison, b Connor	4
G. R. Dilley, c Nicholas, b Connor	6
D. L. Underwood, run out	2
K. B. S. Jarvis, not out	0
Extras (b4, lb5, w4, nb 3)	16
39-4 overs. Total	125

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-33, 3-39, 4-44, 5-50, 6-103, 7-103, 8-104, 9-125.

Bowling: Connor 7-1-27-4; James 6-0-16-1; Cowley 8-0-22-2; Nicholas 8-1-27-1; Tremlett 4.4-0-24-1.

HAMPSHIRE 2 PTS.

Umpires: N. T. Plews & A. A. Jones.

TODAY'S CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (One day)

Trent Bridge (11-6.30): Notts v. Australians.

BENSON & HEDGES CUP (11-7.30)

Derby: Derbys v. Northants.
Bristol: Glos. v. Scotland.
Southampton: Hants v. Glamorgan.
Old Trafford: Lancs v. Yorks.
Leicester: Leices v. Worcs.
Taunton: Somerset v. Kent.
Oval: Surrey v. Essex.
Hove: Sussex v. Middlesex.

2ND XI COMPETITION. — Nottingham: Notts v. Leics.

WARWICKS UNDER-25 COMP.—Edgbaston: Warwicks v. Somerset.

World Games

Millionaire to rescue

By PAT BESFORD

Ryoichi Sasakawa, 86, a multi-millionaire philanthropist from Japan, has come to the rescue of the first official World Games to be held in London from July 26-Aug. 4.

He will underwrite any loss on the operating budget of £1 million for the 23 non-Olympic sports festival which is expected to attract 2,000 competitors and officials from 60 countries.

Mr. Sasakawa's contribution could be up to half this sum and his announcement yesterday brought a smile of relief to the face of Patrick Nally, whose marketing company, West and Nally, had undertaken to provide £350,000 — if sufficient sponsoring could not be obtained.

£1 billion donated

The small, grey-haired man, through his Japaneses Shipbuilding Industries Foundation, has donated about £1 billion in the past 20 years to projects fostering world peace.

This includes £500,000 to the NSPCC and a like amount to a British Centre for Research into Smallpox. He is now setting up a £10 million foundation in Britain.

He sprang a surprise at the Press Conference in London cheque for £5,000 towards the fund for victims of the Bradford football fire.

Knee operation for run-happy Border

By MICHAEL CAREY

AS rain washed out the Australians' match against Worcestershire without another ball being bowled at New Road yesterday, Allan Border, the Tourists' captain, learned that he must undergo an exploratory operation on his left knee.

But Border, who started the tour with a century in each of the two opening games, is expected to be fit to resume captaincy against the MCC at Lord's next week.

He will miss the one-day game against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge today—from which he was planning to rest, anyway—and also the four-day match against Sussex which starts at Hove on Saturday.

Bob Merriman, the Australians' manager said last night: "It is nothing more than a precautionary measure. The surgeon plans to use the so-called keyhole method to try to diagnose exactly what the niggle is in Allan's leg."

Allan Border . . . will miss two matches.

Back injury

Border, accompanied by Craig McDermott, the Australians' fast bowler, was examined yesterday by Bernard Thomas, the England physiotherapist, at his Birmingham surgery soon after the game at Worcester had been called off.

Ironically, McDermott, who bowled only two overs in the second innings because of a back injury, and whose condition was causing more concern, was pronounced fit to resume training later this week.

Border learned in a phone-call to the team's hotel, that Mr Thomas had had "second thoughts" and recommended the operation.

In McDermott's case, the tourists were concerned that unless the cause of his trouble was diagnosed as soon as possible, it might recur and cause him to break down in the middle of a Test match.

Now, however, he may be fit to play at the weekend, if needed, after pain-killing injections.

Andrew Hilditch will captain the Australians at Trent Bridge today, when Nottinghamshire will be without their off-spinner Eddie Hemmings, who has a strained groin.

WORCESTERSHIRE. — First Innings 305-6 dec. (P. A. Neale 108, T. S. Curtis 76).

Second Innings: 93-4. Bowling: McDermott 2-0-22-0; Gilbert 14-2-2-49-1; Lawson 7-3-11-3; Bennett 6-2-10-0.

AUSTRALIANS. — First Innings: 364-5 dec. (A. R. Border 135, D. C. Boon 75 not).

Umpires: D. J. Constant & K. E. Palmer.

Mounting injuries put Somerset in trouble

SOMERSET, who are still without their overseas stars Vivian Richards and Joel Garner, are down to their last 13 fit players for today's Benson and Hedges Cup game against Kent at Taunton, writes Michael Carey.

After a series of phone calls to the Caribbean, Somerset were hopeful that both would report in time to play, but their departure has been delayed, in Garner's case, by a family bereavement.

With Brian Rose, Nigel Felton, Colin Dredge and Julian Wyatt already out of action, Somerset's worries increased yesterday, with the news that Andrew Jones, a seam bowler, had injured his back and Simon Turner, the second XI wicketkeeper, had broken a foot in weekend games.

A more distinguished invalid is Geoff Boycott, whose sprained wrist, sustained in taking a century off the MCC Young Professionals recently, continues to keep him out of Yorkshire's side.

Tense contest

In his absence, Yorkshire have won their last three games—two by the margins of one and two runs—and their match against Lancashire at Old Trafford has all the ingredients of another tense contest.

A third successive defeat would guarantee an unexpectedly quick exit for the holders Lancashire, who are not the first side to discover that early-season inconsistencies in batting and bowling can be costly in this competition.

Northants, meanwhile, seek a win at Derby to continue what has become something of a habit. They have already triumphed there in two other competitions and the season is barely a fortnight old.

But Michael Holding, the fast-bowler arrived back from the West Indies, yesterday, to strengthen Derbyshire with his first appearance of the season.

STORTFORD THROUGH

By JOHN FOGG

Bishop's Stortford's opening pair of Mark Gouldstone (95) and Steve Plumb (55) put on 129 for the first wicket to see last year's losing finalists through the first round of this season's National Club Championship of the William Younger Cup, organised from Lord's by the National Cricket Association.

Against Kansas, East London, Stortford made 230 for five in the allotted 45 overs and dismissed the home club for 129, Tim Smith's left-arm spin brought him three wickets for nine runs.

Also in the Eastern Counties group, Chelmsford won by 16 runs at Westcliff-on-Sea. Peter Marshall and Dave Arnold opened with 151 of Chelmsford's 230 for three. Nick Cooper hit a strong 95 in a Westcliff total of 214 for six.

Steve Dell scored 78 in Hitchin's 101-run victory over Letchworth and today expect strong opposition at Gidea Park and Romford who had a first-round bye.

In the London "A" section Stanmore had the narrowest of wins against Starlight. They made a lowly 111, but with Alastair Fraser, 5 for 27, on target, Starlight struggled until the last pair added 21. Mike Waite then bowled out Napatha at 110.

Losing total

At Imber Court, though 111 was a losing total. Met. Police, batting first, made 232 for seven, Phil Reeves, 81, and then proceeded to dismiss Wycombe House for a cricketing "Nelson" to win by 121 runs. Derek Allen took five for 30.

Barnet started well against Wanstead, but with Sandy Finch taking five for 10 slumped from 40 without loss to 72 all out. Andrew Tibble (39), and Shaun Daly (31) and three extras made Wanstead's 73 without loss.

A total of 111 was also a loser at Reading, where Richard Cavendish made an unbeaten 112 in a total of 197 for four. Andy Dindar's bowling figures of 9-4-7-3 were principal factors as Ashford (Middlesex) lost by 86.

Possibly the neatest win of the first round was by Ashby Sports, Hinckley, who beat Solihull's 210 for seven on a better run rate. Heavy snow restricted Ashby's innings to 15 overs and the winning run came off the last ball, 70-6.

Other scores: Frome 160-7, Swindon 161-5; Gloucester City 218-7, Trowbridge 156; Optimists 251, Long Ashton 224-9; Coventry and N. Warwicks 228-6, Moseley 178; Bradshaw 245-7 (N. Senior 158), Wigan 245-9; Liverpool 170-5 (J. Hitchmough 101 not). Farnworth Social Circle 169; Shrewsbury bt Dudley by default; Andover 185-5, Littlehampton 126 (Hooper 5-27); Weston-super-Mare 119-9, Brislington 119; Bowdon 311-2 (K. Teasdale 184 n.o.), Northwich 81-5 (D. Wood 5-8).

REBEL MANAGER TO BE FRANCIS

Bruce Francis, the former Australian Test cricketer, is to manage his country's rebel tour of South Africa next season.

Ali Bacher, of the hosts' cricket union, said in Johannesburg yesterday that he had met Mr Francis over tthe weekend to discuss arrangement for the trip.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LGE. — Toronto 9, Seattle 5—Minnesota 7, Baltimore 3—Oakland 5, Boston 3—Milwaukee 7, California 4—Kansas 6, New York Yankees 5—Cleveland 6, Texas 0—Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 0.

NAT. LGE.—Montreal 4, Atlanta 0—New York Mets 3, Philadelphia 2—Houston 10, Cincinnati 5—Los Angeles 2, Pittsburgh 0—San Diego 5, Chicago Cubs 3—San Francisco 5, St Louis 4.

ICE HOCKEY

NAT. LGE.—Stanley Cup Ch'ship, semi-final: Quebec 5, Philadelphia 3 (Philadelphia lead 3-1)—Chicago Black Hawks 8, Edmonton 6 (series 2-2).

YACHTING

LYMINGTON TOWN.—Class I: Tiger IV (G. Davis); Class II: Blue Mouse (C. Elliott); Ospreys: Bites the Dust (R. Marshall).

Yachting

Veteran craft show paces

IN heavy conditions, the older boats in the E A O R A fleet trounced their much younger rivals in the Royal Burnham Yacht Club's 52-mile Ralph Herring Trophy from Burnham to West Mersea at the weekend.

For Sunstone (Tom and Vicky Jackson) the race provided a second victory with a winning margin of more than four minutes. The previous weekend she sailed to the South Coast and back to victory in the Cervantes Trophy.

She beat Clarionet, a slightly younger S & S design of the same type, which is now being campaigned on the East Coast by John Breakell after many years of success offshore and in the Solent.

Close behind the veterans was the quartet of new and one-year-old SJ35s, headed by Erotic Bear (Kit Hobday) in force 5 to 7 winds. Early in the race, two class III boats, Hulabaloo and Panic, lost their masts.

Class I—Constance (R. Bryan & M. Ives) 7h 06m 15s, 1; The Red Dragon (P. Lee) 7-10-31, 2; Mystic (J. Joslin) 7-25-44, 3. Class II—Sunstone 6-46-13 1; Clarionet 6-50-35, 2; Erotic Bear 6-51-49, 3. Class III—Voile d'Or 6-51-07, 1; Harmony (M. Holmes-T. Allen) 6-53-10, 2; Bright Spark (D. Powell) 7-00-25, 3.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

ATHLETICS. — Surrey Ch'ships (Motspur Pk).

BOWLS. — County Matches (2.30): Beds v E Counties (Flitwick), Devon v Essex (Exmouth Madeira), Warwicks v Middlesex (Coventry).

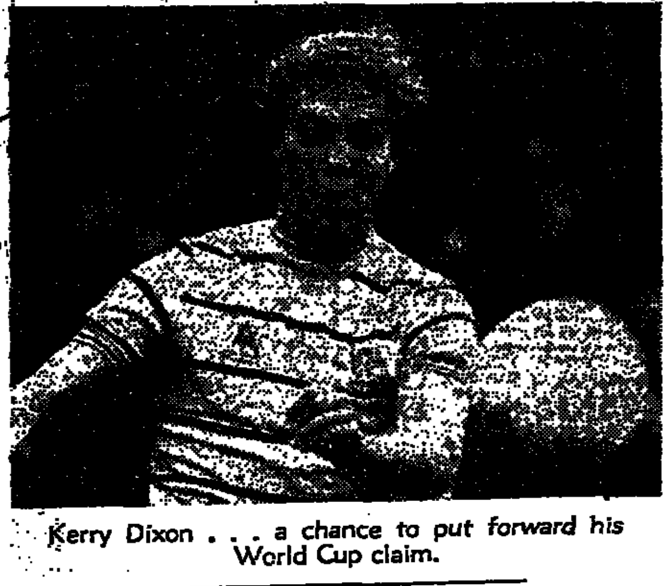
CROQUET. — Budleigh Salterton T'ment; Peel Memorials (Cheltenham).

GOLF. — Welsh Women's Closed Ch'ship (Prestatyn GC).

LAWN TENNIS.—Men's Satellite T'ment (Lee-on-Solent Tennis & Squash Club, Hants); Telford T'ment.

SNOOKER.—Pontins Spring Festival (Prestatyn).

SPEEDWAY (7.30).—National Lge: Milton Keynes v Eastbourne. Poole v Ellesmere Port. KO Cup: Mil-



Kerry Dixon . . . a chance to put forward his World Cup claim.

Australian Pools Guide

Coupons must be in the offices of the Pools Promoters by 7am Saturday to prevent being declared void.

VICTORIA—State F'cast

Frankston P. v Knox C.	X
St Albans v Thomastown	2

VICTORIA—Division 1

Doncaster v Melbourne	1
Doveton v Broadmeadows	X
New Pk v Altona Gate	1
Nunawading v Mornington	2
Sunbury v Caulfield	1

VICTORIA—Division 2

Dandenong v Altona City	1
Eltham v R. Richmond	1
Keilor v Coburg	1
Sandringham v Hamlyn	X
N. Melbourne v N. Geelong	1
S. Oakleigh v Bell Pk	1
Waverley v Ringwood U.	2

VICTORIA—Division 3

Corio v Yarraville	2
Clifton v Springvale U.	1
Kortonal v Essendon	X
Moorabbin v Prahran	1
Mooroolbark v Bundoora	2
Pt Melbourne v Ballarat	1
Yallourn v Prahran City	1

VICTORIA—Division 4

Border v Ballarat	X
Ferntree v Holland Pk	1
[illegible] v Ardeer	2
[illegible] v E. Brunswick	X
Lalor v Boronia	1
[illegible] v Brighton	2
[illegible] v Clifton Hill	1

W. AUSTRALIA—State

Athena v Bayswater	1
Azzurri v W. Perth	X
Balga v Kingsway	1
Osborne Pk v N. Perth	1
Spearwood v Forrestfield	1

W. AUSTRALIA—Division 2

Balcatta v Kwinana	2
Cockburn v Kelmscott	1
Fremantle B. v Sorrento	X
Gosnells v [illegible]	1
Morley v Melville	X
Rockingham v Wanneroo	1

W. AUSTRALIA—Division 3

Bedford v Queens Pk	2
Leederville v Bunbury	1
Mt Lawley v Booragoon	2
Subiaco v Graylands	1
Swan Ath. v Swan Croat	X
Whitford v E. Perth	1

S. AUSTRALIA—Division 1

Campbelltown v Salisbury	2
Croatia v Azzurri	X
Para Hills v Elizabeth	2
W. Torrens v Hellas	1
Whyalla v Cumberland	1
Woodville v Polonia	1

QUEENSLAND—Division 1

Bardon v Westside	1
Brighton v University	2
Darra v Pine Rivers	X

QUEENSLAND—Division 2

Inala v Oxley	1

TREVOR WILLIAMSON

FINAL SCOTTISH LEAGUE TABLES

SCOTTISH LGE—Prem. Div.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Aberdeen	36	13	4	1	49	13	14	1	3	40	13	59
Celtic	36	12	3	3	43	12	10	5	3	34	18	52
Dundee U	36	13	2	3	47	18	7	5	6	20	15	47
Rangers	36	7	6	5	21	14	6	6	6	26	24	38
St Mirren	36	10	2	6	30	24	7	2	9	21	32	38
Dundee	36	9	3	6	25	19	6	4	8	23	31	37
Hearts	36	6	7	9	21	26	7	2	9	26	38	31
Hibs	36	5	4	9	23	30	5	3	10	15	31	27
Dumbarton	36	4	4	10	17	20	2	3	13	12	35	19
Morton	36	3	1	14	18	44	2	1	15	11	56	12

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. I

Mthrwll	39	11	4	4	34	14	10	4	6	28	22	50
Clydbnk	39	11	4	4	31	16	6	10	4	26	21	48
Falkirk	39	9	3	7	36	31	10	4	6	29	23	45
Hamltn	39	8	5	7	23	24	8	6	5	25	25	43
Airdrie	39	11	1	7	43	33	6	7	7	27	26	42
Forfar	39	9	7	4	27	18	5	6	8	27	31	41
Ayr	39	9	6	5	31	25	6	3	10	26	27	39
Clyde	39	9	5	6	31	26	5	6	8	16	22	39
Brechin	39	7	5	8	25	28	7	4	8	24	29	37
E Fife	39	6	6	8	26	25	6	6	7	29	31	36
Partick	39	8	5	6	38	32	5	4	11	22	33	35
Klmrnck	39	8	8	4	23	25	4	2	13	19	38	34
Mdwbnk	39	5	5	9	25	33	6	5	9	25	33	32
St Jhnstn	39	4	4	11	23	33	6	1	13	28	45	25

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

Montrse	39	11	5	3	29	21	11	4	5	28	19	53
Alloa	39	9	6	4	29	17	11	4	5	29	23	50
Dnfrmln	39	7	9	4	33	20	10	6	3	27	16	49
Cwdnbth	39	10	5	4	36	17	8	6	6	32	22	47
Stnhsmr	39	9	6	5	27	25	6	9	4	18	18	45
Stlrg A	39	8	7	4	33	22	7	6	7	29	25	43
Raith	39	9	1	9	30	25	9	5	6	39	32	42
Qun Sth	39	6	7	7	27	25	4	7	8	15	31	34
Albion R	39	7	2	11	27	39	6	6	7	22	33	34
Quns Pk	39	7	5	7	24	19	5	4	11	24	36	33
Stranraer	39	7	2	11	30	33	6	4	9	22	34	32
E Strlng	39	5	8	7	21	22	3	7	9	17	31	31
Berwick	39	5	7	7	18	20	3	5	12	18	29	28
Arbroath	39	6	5	9	22	28	3	2	14	13	38	25

Lawn Tennis

ARRAYA OUT TO LLOYD'S FINEST SHOW ON CLAY

By JOHN PARSONS in Rome

JOHN LLOYD reluctantly returned to Rome in the Italian Championships for the first time in six years yesterday and brilliantly eclipsed Pablo Arraya, of Peru, by playing the finest match of his career on clay.

The British No. 1 looked superbly commanding, recording a 6-4, 6-1 victory on the same court where, in 1979, he suffered one of his most depressing defeats, losing 12 successive games after leading Phil Dent by a set and 3-0.

Lloyd said: "I can't believe that I did it in Rome," after 62 minutes of non-stop aggressive tennis, more suited to the speedy grass at Wimbledon than the surface at the Foro Italico, which has proved so heartbreaking for him — and many others — in the past.

Pressing forward relentlessly, with a mixture of fine serves which pulled his opponent wide and approach shots of the highest quality—especially on the backhand—Lloyd, who dropped only 10 points on his own serve, volleyed winner after winner.

No option

In its setting, it was both ridiculous and magnificent. After his last horrifying experience here, which was also his 15th consecutive first-round defeat and a month after his marriage, Lloyd vowed he would never return.

Yet this year he had no option if he was to experience the top-class competition he needed before Paris. As part of his preparation he beat Boris Becker, the outstanding West German teenager he could meet here in the third round, 6-3, 6-4 in a practice match, and then carried that form over into thte real thing against Arraya.

First, though, Lloyd must beat the 15th-seeded Juan Aguilera, who defeated Gianni Ocleppo 6-1, 6-2. The hard-hitting Becker, a 6-3, 6-3 victor over Tarik Benhabiles, must overcome either Vitas Gerulaitis or Thierry Tulasne.

This competition5s reputation for unpredictability was fully justified earlier on when Andres Gomez, the champion two of the last three years, was unceremoniously defeated 2-6, 6-1, 3-6 by Jan Gunnarsson, of Sweden.

The left-handed Ecuadorean gave little clue of his current status as official world No. 5 in an erratic display well below the exciting form he showed before injury in the Benson and Hedges tournament at Wembley in November enforced a two-month break.

Such was the despair felt by Gomez, who saved three match points but could not wholly repair the damage of errors which helped Gunnarsson break for 4-2 in the final set, that he even hinted he could miss Paris.

Gunnarsson, one place off being seeded, is one of six Swedish players who went into the draw. Britain's Stephen Shaw was unlucky. He missed direct entry by just one place and was too late losing in the New York doubles last week to reach Rome in time to qualify.

Dickson win

Large crowds flocked to see qualifiers Kent Carlsson and Michael Robertson. The Swede, 17, created great excitement here last year by almost defeating Yannick Noah, but then was forced to stop playing in October for six months after knee surgery.

A wonderfully resilient baseliner, though ominously battling on his nerves, he beat his South African opponent 6-3, 7-6.

In another first-round match before a heavy shower forced a break in the afternoon's play, the cap-tweaking Mark Dickson, who at least does not seem to be bouncing the ball so often before serving these days, beat Martin Jaite, of Argentina, 6-3, 6-2.

1ST RD: J. Gunnarsson (Sweden) bt Andres Gomez (Ecuador) 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; M. Dickson (US) bt Jaite (Argentina) 6-0, 6-2; S. Simonsson (Sweden) bt P. Elter (West Germany) 6-3, 6-3; 6-1, 6-2; J. Brown (US) bt T. Allan; A. Ganzabal (Argentina) bt P. Cane (Australia) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; J. Lloyd (GB) bt P. Arraya (Peru) 6-4, 6-1; B. Becker (West Germany) bt T. Benhabiles (France) 6-3, 6-3. K. Carlsson (Sweden) bt M. Robertson (South Africa) 6-0, 7-6; P. Slozil (Czechoslovakia) bt E. Mazza 6-2, 6-2; J. Aguilera (Spain) bt C. Ocleppo 6-1, 6-1; C. Mezzadri bt H. de la Pena (Argentina) 6-0, 4-6, 7-6. G. Vilas (Argentina) bt J. Arguello (Argentina) 7-5, 6-3; R. Osterhun (West Germany) bt W. Popp (West Germany) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; L. Pimek (Czechoslovakia) bt J. Soares (Brazil) 7-5, 6-3; M. Westfal (West Germany) bt G. Holmes (US) 7-6, 6-4.

DESPERATE SEARCH BY DURIE

By A Special Correspondent in West Berlin

JO DURIE's desperate search to find the form that elevated her into the world's top 10, 18 months ago, switches to the Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in West Berlin today, when she plays her opening match in the Fila German Open.

Miss Durie, whose world ranking has slipped to 44, has played in five tournaments this year and won only one match.

Today she meets 87th-ranked Marcella Skuherska, of Czechoslovakia. Two years ago Miss Durie would hardly have worried about a match like that—nowadays it is so different.

'Such a struggle'

"It has been such a struggle," she said. "I feel that if I could get a couple of wins I would be off and running but the standard has improved so much in the last two years.

"I am going to battle on, though. You can't give in in the middle of a depression," she added defiantly.

If Miss Durie shows just a little patience on the slow clay court she should pass this test and will then meet West German Steffi Graf, 15, who is seeded No. 4.

Ironically, Miss Graf was the last player to lose to Miss Durie. When they met at Key Biscayne in Florida in January the British No. 1 triumphed 7-5 in the third set.

WEST GERMAN WOMEN'S OPEN (W. Berlin).—1st Rd: M. Schropp bt A. Leand (US) 6-2, 6-3; S. Mascarin (US) bt V. Ruzici (Rumania) 6-3, 7-5; A. Minter (Australia) bt J. Klitch (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; M. Dias (Brazil) bt M. Mesker (Holland) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; A. Kanellopoulou (Greece) bt S. Goles (Yugoslavia) 7-6, 1-6, 6-2; V. Nelson (US) bt E. Pfaff 7-6, 6-1; C. Karlsson (Sweden) bt E. Raponi Longo (Argentina) 6-0, 6-4; T. Phelps (US) bt C. Vanier (France) 6-3, 6-1; A. Holton (US) bt L. Gildemeister-Arraya (Peru) 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.

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Young's formal wear for men

See what we mean on page 17

John Lloyd . . . eradicated memories of his disaster in Rome six years ago by defeating Pablo Arraya 6—4, 6—1 yesterday.

U.S. Golf

EASTWOOD SURPRISED BY VICTORY

By A Special Correspondent in Irving, Texas

NEITHER the victor of the £416,000 Byron Nelson classic, Bob Eastwood, nor his play-off victim Payne Stewart, can believe yesterday's bizarre result in Irving, Texas.

Mac O'Grady led over the first 54 holes, at Las Colinas sports club but stumbled on the last round to a three-over-par 74 and tied third with Tom Watson.

Stewart took up the running, was four strokes ahead after the back nine. Eastwood reached the 18th trailing him by three, and somehow sunk a horrendous 45-footer for a birdie.

Stewart, two strokes ahead on the 18th tee, hit his drive into a bunker, dropped a four-iron green-shot short into another sandtrap, and then found a back-bunker.

He eventually had a double-bogey six to go level with Eastwood on 272.

Stewart drove into another bunker at the first extra hole, had a further double-bogey six and Eastwood bogeyed for his third victory in two years.

The winner commented: "All I know is that golf is a strange game." Stewart said: "I know I played well all week — until the last two holes."

FINAL SCORES: 272—R. Eastwood 69, 66, 70, 67 (won playoff): P. Stewart, 67, 71, 66, 68. 275—M. O'Grady 63, 69, 69, 74; T. Watson 67, 69, 73, 66. 277—C. Stadler 67, 70, 69, 71; L. Trevino 70, 71, 69, 67; C.-C. Rodriguez 73, 70, 68, 66. 278—Ron Streck 71, 67, 71, 69; R. Cochran 71, 67, 71, 69; P. Blackmar 69, 73, 70, 66; P. Lehr 75, 69, 66, 70. 279—G. Archer 73, 68, 68, 70; J. Cook 66, 70, 73, 70; T. Sieckmann 69, 68, 69, 73. 285—F. Oosterhuis (GB) 66, 69, 72, 78.

PORTSMOUTH CLASSIC WOMEN'S T'MENT (Portsmouth, Virginia).—207: K. Whitworth 69, 66, 72. 208: A. Alcott 69, 71, 68. 210: J. Coles 69, 71, 70; A. Miller 66, 74, 70; B. Daniel 68, 74, 68. 211: M. Dwyer 73, 71, 67; M. Spencer-Devlin 71, 69, 71; S. Turner 68, 70, 73; M. Figueras-Dotti (Spain) 67, 70, 74.

Lawn Tennis

BATES SEEKS MASTERS WIN

By BILL EDWARDS

Jeremy Bates must tighten his play to fulfil his billing as the chief home hope in the L T A Spring Circuit Masters at Lee-on-Solent which starts today.

After fine play in reaching the finals of the first three weeks, he went off the boil at Bournemouth last week, and was beaten in the first round.

Bates, who meets Mark Blinkow, of Northants, in his opening match, is hoping it will be a case of third-time lucky for he has finished runner-up in the Masters of both the previous circuits.

His main challenger is likely to be Peter Lundgren, of Sweden, who is running into form at the right moment and won at Bournemouth last week.

Sally Reeves is favourite for the women's title but faces some tough overseas opposition with the Swedish girl, Karoline Karlsson, the likely winner.

DAVIS CUP. — European Zone A (Rabat): Hungary bt Morocco 4-1. Zone B: Zimbabwe bt Poland 3-2. VICTORIAN WOMEN'S INDOOR CH'SHIPS (Melbourne). — 1st Rd: C. Carney bt K. Cummings (US) 7-5, 6-0; B. Gerken (US) bt S. A. Dingwall 6-2, 6-4; L. Antonoplis (US) bt N. Provis 6-3, 7-6; K. Jordan (US) bt J. Thompson 6-3, 6-1; R. Fairbank (S Africa) bt S. Leo 6-1, 6-3.

Junior Golfer of the Year Final

Youngsters to trail Ryder Cup heroes

By BILL MEREDITH

YOUNGSTERS who battle their way to the inaugural DAILY TELEGRAPH Junior Golfer of the Year final at *The Belfry course in the West Midlands on Oct. 22* will be following in the footsteps of the game's greatest heroes . . . Watson, Ballesteros, Langer, Faldo and all.

For in September, Europe will be fighting it out with the United States over the same 18 holes for the Ryder Cup which the Americans so narrowly retained in Florida two years ago.

The finalists for The Belfry will *be the leading 15 trophy* winners in our ever-popular junior holiday golf competitions, which will be held on courses throughout Britain during the summer.

Already more than 100 clubs have announced that they will stage TELEGRAPH competitions and the winners at each club will receive a trophy—and, perhaps, the chance to compete at The Belfry on Oct. 22.

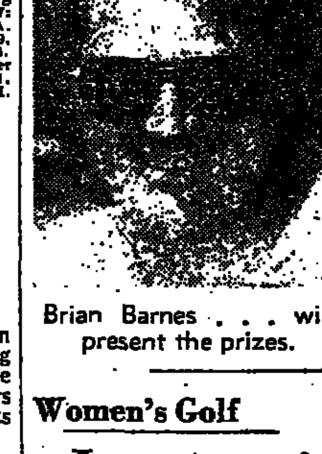
Fullest information

The 15 finalists will be trophy winners who return the best gross totals against standard scratch score. So a youngster with a 74 on a course with an SSS of 73 would beat a winner with a 74 on a course with an SSS of 72.

On the big day at The Belfry, competitors will go out in threes for an 18-hole medal round. The winner, and the DAILY TELEGRAPH Junior Golfer of the Year, will be the player with the lowest gross total.

In the event of a tie, the title will be decided on a countback.

The secretaries or junior golf organisers of participating clubs will receive by post fullest information about this extension of our junior golf competitions.



Brian Barnes . . . will present the prizes.

Practice round

The champion will be presented with a handsome trophy, while there will be silver and bronze medals for the second- and third-placed competitors.

Brian Barnes, the British Ryder Cup player who scored such notable singles wins against Jack Nicklaus will give a clinic after lunch: Norman McDonald, the Moor Hall professional and captain of the Professional Golfers' Association, has agreed to present the prizes.

Competitors will be allowed to bring along one companion, or parent, to The Belfry, although *they must not act as caddies.* Finalists will be able to have a practice round the day before—with relevant hotel and travel expenses paid for by the DAILY TELEGRAPH.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH Junior Holiday Competitions are open to all boys and girls who are under the age of 18 on Nov. 1, 1985, and have official golf club handicaps.

Full list

Entry forms may be obtained from the secretary of the club *running* the event—NOT from the DAILY TELEGRAPH. There is no restriction on the number of competitions for which a player may enter, but no one is allowed to win more than one DAILY TELEGRAPH trophy in the same summer.

A full list of clubs *running* our competitions, and all the rules, will be published in the DAILY TELEGRAPH within the next few weeks.

Any clubs who have not yet entered, and who would like to host one of our competitions this summer, are invited to apply as soon as possible to: Mr D. J. Miller, Publicity and Promotions Manager, The DAILY TELEGRAPH, 135 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4BL.

Women's Golf

Impressive Nicolson inspires Surrey

By ELIZABETH PRICE

SURREY, who with Yorkshire hold the English Inter-Counties Championship, made an excellent start in the preliminary rounds of the tournament in the South-Eastern sub-division two matches at West Sussex, yesterday.

The team, little changed from that which served the county so well for the past few years, is strong in depth and beat Essex by 6½ to 2½.

After winning the three foursomes in the morning, they needed only two points from the six singles. Their champion, Jill Nicolson, put on an impressive display and was two under par in beating a slightly off-form Sally Barber by six and five.

The young Sussex team playing on home ground—nearly all are under 23—took tthe foursomes 2-1 against Kent, strengthened by the return of Carole Caldwell after three years of playing for Berkshire.

Today, Kent play Middlesex, Sussex meet Essex and Surrey rest.

SURREY 6½, ESSEX 2½ (Surrey first).—Foursomes. — Mrs J. Nicolson & Mrs J. Thornhill bt Mrs S. Barber & S. Moorcraft 3 & 2; S. Prosser & Mrs W. Wooldridge bt Mrs E. Boatman & G. Gunby, 1 hole; S. Cohen & Mrs C. Bailey bt Mrs T. Wilson & M. King, 2 & 1. Surrey 3, Essex 0. Singles: Mrs J. Nicolson bt Mrs S. Barber 6 & 5; Mrs J. Thornhill bt Mrs E. Boatman 4 & 3; S. Prosser lost to S. Moorcraft 4 & 2; Mrs W. Woldridge halved with M. King; S. Cohen bt F. Macdonald 3 & 2; Mrs D. Bailey lost to Mrs T. Wilson 3 & 1. Surrey 3½, Essex 2½.

KENT 5, SUSSEX 4 (Kent names first).—Foursomes.—Mrs L. Bayman & Mrs S. McAlister lost to M. Gallagher & K. Harridge 2 & 1; Mrs C. Caldwell & Mrs H. Bristow bt K. Mitchell & Mrs M. Kitchin 4 & 3; Mrs S. Lunsdale lost to W. Head & S. Cousins 2 & 1. Kent 1, Sussex 2. Singles. — Mrs L. Bayman bt M. Gallagher 4 & 3; Mrs C. Caldwell bt K. Harridge 6 & 5; Mrs H. Bristow lost to K. Mitchell, 2 holes; Mrs C. Kitchen lost to A. Secrett 5 & 3; Mrs L. Lunsdale bt C. Ralph 3 & 2; S. Hallett bt Mrs C. Larkin 4 & 3. Kent 4, Sussex 2.

County Golf

Langmead, 17, cruises to victory

By BILL MEREDITH

IT was youth at the helm in county golf at the weekend when Jonathan Langmead, 17, of Stover, won the Devon amateur title, beating Jim Pettigrew, 35, of Churston, by a mammoth 7 and 6 in the final at Teignmouth.

To back him up, Simon Amor, 18, of Marlborough, captured the Wiltshire amateur crown at Warminster with rounds of 73 and 72. That 72 was an an exceptional round in very windy conditions, especially as young Amor lost a ball at the 10th.

In the battle for League honours Freddie George, 19, who in March became the youngest-ever winner of the Berkhamsted Trophy, again showed his great qualities with a 7 and 6 singles victory for **Berks, Bucks and Oxon** in their 7-5 triumph over **Bedfordshire.**

George was in superb form over the South Beds links in demolishing the challenge of Paul Wharton and was back in the clubhouse before some of the other matches had started.

The Three Counties, South-East (North) champions five times in the past si years, were pleased to kick off their League programme with a win under new captain, Peter Parsons.

But it was touch and go in the foursomes, where at one stage Befordshire looked like taking a 3-1 lead. But some loose putting by the home county allowed Berks, Bucks and Oxon to snatch an unlikely 2½-1½ lead — and they never looked back.

One performance of merit for Bedfordshire was Ian Hull's 2 and 1 success over the experienced David Lane, who rarely allows opponents the scent of victory.

BEDS ... 5 B B & O ... 7. FOURSOMES.—P. Fletcher & P. Wharton bt F. George & R. Weedon 5 & 3; P. Charnley & I. Hull h'vd with A. Brewer & D. Rosier; D. Ellis & L. Watcham lost to M. Orris & W. Farrow 1 up; J. Todd & M. Wharton lost to D. Lane & M. Rapley 1 up. Beds 1½, B B & O 2½. SINGLES. — P. Wharton lost to George 7 & 6; Hull bt Lane 2 & 1; Charnley lost to Rapley 2 & 1; Todd lost to Rosier 4 & 3; M. Wharton lost to Weedon 5 & 4; Ellis bt Orris 3 & 1; Fletcher hlvd with Brewer; Watcham bt Farrow 1 up. Beds 3½, B B & O 4½.

After their opening victory over Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire were brought back to earth in the Anglian League when **Leicestershire** beat them 7½-4½ at Luffenham Heath.

Eddie Hammond, the Leicestershire captain, is determined to recapture that League crown from Suffolk this term and this start should give then confidence.

Hammond was particularly pleased with the form of John Thomson, a Scot, who used to play for Lanarkshire, like Hammond himself. He beat Steve Macdonald by 6 and 4.

LEICS ... 7½, NORTHANTS ... 4½. FOURSOMES. — A. Martinez & G. Wolstenholme bt M. Lynch & M. McNally 4 & 3; D. Stephens & R. Hayes lost to S. Macdonald & R. Cole 5 & 3; J. Thomson & G. Bratt bt R. Aitken & C. Cieslewicz 2 & 1; R. Walker & R. Lyner bt M. Scott & A. Lord 1 up. Leics 3, Northants 1. SINGLES.—Martinez bt McNally 4 & 3; Stephens lost to Lynch 3 & 2; Thomson bt Macdonald 6 & 4; Wolstenholme bt Cole 4 & 3; Lyner bt Scott 1 hole; Bratt lost to Cieslewicz 2 holes; Hayes hlvd with Lord; Walker lost to Aitken 1 hole. Leics 4½, Northants 3½.

In a rare battle at Brancaster, Lincolnshire edged home by a point against Norfolk in another Anglian League match. The match was decided on the last two singles, in which first Paul Stenton and then David Bell won exciting tussles on the last green.

Norfolk captain David Hood, ever the fighter, did his best by beating Stuart Graves at the 18th, while Michael Few had a sound 4 and 3 win over Graham Lee. But perhaps the top Norfolk performance came from Chris Lamb, who beat Steve Dickinson on the 14th green by 6 and 4.

NORFOLK ... 5, LINCS ... 6. FOURSOMES.—M. Few & R. Oakes bt S. Dickinson & G. Lee 1 hole; M. Sperrin & C. Lamb lost to P. Stenton & C. Williamson 1 hole; D. Hood & I. Sperrin lost to A. Hare & C. Graves 4 & 2; T. Harrell & D. Raine hlvd with D. Bell & C. Clarke. Norfolk 1½, Lincs 2½. SINGLES.—Harrel lost to Hare 5 & 3; M. Sperrin bt Clarke 3 & 1; Few bt Lee 4 & 3; Oakes lost to Williamson 1 hole; Lamb bt Dickinson 6 & 4; Hood bt Graves 1 hole; I. Sperrin lost to Stenton 1 hole; Raine lost to Bell 1 hole. Norfolk 4, Lincs 4.

Golf

Record entry for 100th Amateur

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS

ENTRY applications for the centenary Amateur Championship at Royal Dornoch on June 3-8 have been so overwhelming that players with four and three handicaps have been rejected and 57 playing off two balloted out.

The field is limited to 288, all of whom play 36 holes of strokeplay qualifying at Dornoch and Golspie in Sutherland before the leading 64 advance to the traditional matchplay stages.

The Royal and Ancient championship committee had to reject 168 out of a record 456 would-be players — including 47 four-handicaps and 64 with three.

Of the accepted, 196 come from Great Britain and Ireland and 92 from overseas, including players from the United States, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Kenya, Brazil and Spain — Jose-Maria Olagabal being the defending champion.

Fears unfounded

A further 25 have been short-listed as alternates in case of late scratchings, but Michael Bonallack, secretary of the R & A, is encouraged by the response to a championship that will be breaking new ground in its 100th year.

There had been fears that Dornoch, the most northerly championship course in Scotland, would be a deterrent because of the journeys involved. But the record has been broken by about 20.

Such a venue is actually too good to miss, but the misgivings attached to the experimental introduction of strokeplay qualifying at Turnberry in 1983 have again been alleviated.

There is still some opposition to this format in that it has changed the tradition of a championship that had always been matchplay throughout.

The change was made to ensure those who had travelled furthest are now guaranteed at *least two rounds of golf, even if* they do not reach the final phases.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of this year's large entry is that it has come despite the new handicapping scheme when the object was to reduce the number of Category One golfers.

Though precise figures are hard to obtain, there is some evidence to suggest that instead there are more players in this classification than there were under the old system.

Whether this is because there are more Artful Dodgers who "forget" to notify their home clubs of all their returns is pure supposition.

Horse Trials

AUDI TAKE OVER AT CHATSWORTH

By MARY FRANCIS

CHATSWORTH three-day event (Oct. 3-6) is to be sponsored by Audi, who will contribute approximately £120,000 over three years.

First-year backing of £60,000 will include the building of 15 new cross-country fences as the competition is expanded from a one-day event held for 29 years and regularly attracting a crowd of 20,000.

The cross-country course will be designed by Frank Weldon, who is responsible for Badminton, and Bill Thompson, the Burghley designer. Prize money will be more than £6,000, with £1,100 to the winner.

British victory

Ginny Holgate, who yesterday returned from Switzerland where she was a member of the British women's team in the Avenches three-day event, is hoping to ride her young horse Murphy Himself at Chatsworth.

Britain won the team event at Avenches, beating France and Switzerland.

Miss Holgate was second after the cross-country, but Welton Elan hit four show-jumping fences and dropped to 11th. France's Jogan Dlumb was the individual winner on Frosty Bay, with Britain's Louise Bates second with Spartan's Gift.

Angling

RECORD CATCH OF MACKEREL

A mackerel weighing 6 lb 2 oz 7 drams and caught by William Chappel of Penzance, Cornwall was yesterday accepted as a British record by the British Record Fish Committee. His success came while boat fishing off Penberth Cove, Cornwall.

The previous record was 5 lb 6½ oz, caught off Devon in 1969.

Shooting

BERKSHIRE TO DEFEND TITLE

By LESLIE HOWCROFT

Berkshire, who last year broke a Surrey winning run of nine years in the King George V Cup English county rifle championship will be defending their title this summer after beating Hampshire by one point at Bisley in the Southern Counties eliminating heat.

Surrey, too, will be back in the final because they finished the Home Counties eliminator six points ahead of Sussex, the team which had knocked them out in the early stage last year.

KING GEORGE V CUP ENGLISH C'TY CH'SHIP (Bisley). — Southern Counties heat: Berkshire 1148 (C. N. Trumlett 147), 1; Hants 1148 (R. Betts 146), Bucks 1144 (P. Drew 147), 3; London 1140 (T. Craddock-Watson 148), 4. Home Counties heat: Surrey 1151 (D. Coleman 148), 1; Sussex 1145 (L. Pike 146), 2; Kent 1136 (P. Bromley 146), 3; Middlesex 1113 (J. Ashby 146), 4. ASTOR C'TY CH'SHIP. — Berks heat: Berks 566, 1; Old Bradfieldians 565, 2; Windsor 563, 3. LONDON & MIDDLESEX OPEN PISTOL (Bisley). — Centre fire: R. Northover 583, 1; F. Williams 579, 2; J. Harrison 576, 3. Rapid fire: R. Girling 581, 1; G. Irving 579, 2; P. Key 565, 3. Women: S. Lovegrove 573, 1; M. Thomas 570, 2; J. Goulding 564, 3. Service pistol A: D. Rolfe 100, 1; A. Lunnon 100, 2; F. Murphy 99, 3. Service pistol B: J. Rolfe 110, 1; Irving 106, 2; L. James 106, 3. TARGET RIFLE TEAM MATCHES. —Inter-Service Tyros: Royal Navy 540 (WREN W. Beaton 143) 1; Army 528 (Cpl J. Coleman 141) 2. Long range: British Commonwealth 1090 (A. deLamare 142), 1; City 1067 (W. Magnay 137) 2. Short range: London & Middlesex 666 (C. Anstein 98), 1; Oxford University 630 (R. Bailey 95), 2.

Swimming

MOORHOUSE FOR HONGKONG

By PAT BESFORD

Adrian Moorhouse, the European and Commonwealth breaststroke champion, is to be flown to Hongkong free of charge by Cathay Pacific to prepare for this summer's European Championships in Sofia.

Moorhouse, 20, from Leeds, leaves on May 29 and will spend six weeks training with Britain's former Olympic coach, Dave Haller with the aim of keeping his 200-metre crown and turning his 1985 100-metres silver into another gold.

Fencing

McKENZIE SUCCESS

Donnie McKenzie, of Meadowbank, successfully defended his sabre crown in the Meadowbank Open at Edinburgh, as did Jamie Hodgson, another Meadowbank fencer, in the épée.

MEADOWBANK OPEN (Edinburgh). —Epée: J. Hodgson (Meadowbank), 1; G. Liston (R A F), 2; C. Smith (Hawick), 3. Sabre: D. McKenzie (Meadowbank), 1; R. Elliott (Moray Ho.), 2; R. Jameson (Moray Ho.), 3.

Cycling

Yates will defend Michelin

By PHIL LIGGETT

The second Michelin Classic to be held on the Isle of Wight on May 26 received a boost this week when Sean Yates, last year's winner, agreed to defend his title.

The Sussex rider, who completed the Tour of Spain where his Peugeot team-mate Robert Millar produced a best-ever British performance when he finished second, last Sunday, said: "I've every intention of winning the race again."

Joining Yates from his French base will be the Australian, Allan Peiper, the early leader of the Paris-Nice in March, and Dag Otto Lauritzen, who gave Norway a first-ever medal when he won the bronze in the Los Angeles Olympic Games road race.

La Redoute, of France, and Lotto/Eddy Merckx, a new Belgian professional team, have also agreed to participate in the 126-mile event which will be centred again at Ventnor.

Millar may compete in the British professional road race championship in the Isle of Man on June 23. Teams have already entered from France, Belgium, Holland, Great Britain, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the island.

Horse Trials

PRINCESS ANNE MAY MISS OUT

By ALAN SMITH

PRINCESS ANNE's attempt to compete at the Windsor three-day event, of which she is President, on May 24-26, seems likely to be frustrated for the second successive year.

Black Ice, the mare on which she had pinned her hopes of riding in the event, sponsored by the T.I. Group, is lame and out of action for the *Spring* season.

Last year Mission Lake failed to recover in time from a leg injury. Princess Anne has not finally given up hope of finding a horse to ride, but time is very short.

Significant 'Junior'

Mark Phillips has had better luck. He won on Fieldsman in 1984 and has last year's top novice Distinctive—who is his long-range hope for the 1988 Olympics — as his prospective challenger *this time.*

New Zealander Mark Todd, gold medallist in Los Angeles and beaten only by the final show-jumping fence at Badminton last month, is among nearly 200 entries—with a waiting list in addition.

The T.I. British Junior Championships are run at the same time at Windsor and will have a special significance this time as the European Junior Championships are being held in Britain this year, at Rotherfield, Hampshire at the end of August.

Squash Rackets

COATES' SUCCESS ON DEBUT

Coates Brothers, tthe company team from St Mary Cray, Kent, competing in tthe Austin Reed Saab Squash Rackets Championship for the first time, have battled through the knock-out stages to reach the regional finals.

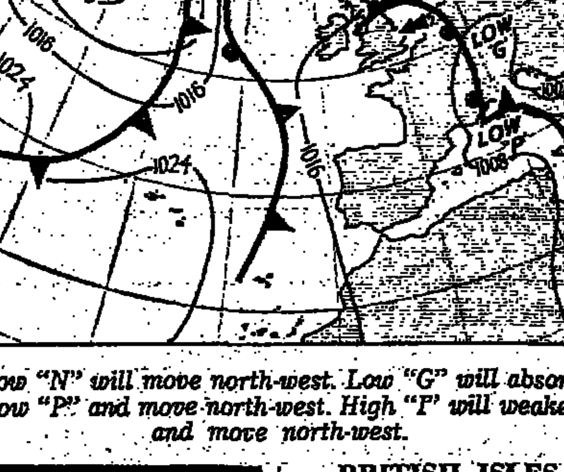
They now play the experienced Business Press International of Sutton. Victory would take them into the national finals in Gloucester on June 7 and 8.

Motor Rallying

CHINA'S FIRST

The first Hongkong to Peking international motor rally, over a 1,800-mile course, through seven of China's central provinces, is to be held from Sept. 15 to 19, with a restriction of 80 cars.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon May 13



Low "N" will move north-west. Low "G" will absorb Low "P" and move north-west. High "I" will weaken and move north-west.

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	r	59	15	Locarno	r	48	9
Akrotiri	f	73	23	London	c	52	11
Alexandra	f	75	24	*Los Ag	s	61	16
Algiers	f	66	19	Luxmbrg	f	63	17
Amstrdm	f	59	15	Luxor	s	93	34
Athens	s	72	22	Madrid	f	63	17
Bahrain	s	84	29	Majorca	s	66	19
*Brbados	f	84	29	Malaga	s	72	22
Barcelona	f	63	17	Malta	s	72	22
Belfast	r	54	12	Mnchstr	dr	50	10
Belgrade	f	79	26	Melborne	f	70	21
Berlin	c	70	21	*Mexco C	s	79	26
*Bermda	s	73	23	Miami	s	88	31
Biarritz	r	50	10	Milan	r	59	15
Brmnghm	r	48	9	Montreal	c	77	25
Blackpool	c	54	12	Moscow	s	64	18
Bordeaux	f	61	16	Munich	f	77	25
Boulogne	c	55	13	Narobi	f	77	25
Bristol	r	48	9	Naples	s	82	28
Brussels	f	63	17	Nwcastle	c	46	8
Budapest	s	81	27	N Delhi	s	104	40
*B Aires	s	73	23	New York	s	72	22
Cairo	s	79	26	Nice	r	59	15
Cpe Twn	s	68	20	Oporto	s	61	16
Cardiff	f	52	11	Oslo	f	68	20
Casablnca	c	66	19	Paris	s	63	17
*Chicago	s	79	26	Peking	s	75	24
Cologne	c	55	13	Perth	s	66	19
Copnhgn	c	57	14	P Stanley	c	37	3
Corfu	s	73	23	Prague	s	75	24
*Dallas	f	86	30	Reykjavk	c	48	9
*Denver	c	57	14	Rhodes	s	72	22
Dublin	c	58	9	*Rio d Jn	c	72	22
Dubrvnk	s	73	23	Riyadh	f	97	36
Edinbrgh	f	52	11	Rome	s	79	26
Faro	f	52	11	Salzburg	f	79	26
Florence	f	77	25	*San Frn	s	61	16
Frankfurt	f	68	20	*Santiago	f	59	15
Funchal	f	66	19	*Sao Pulo	c	64	18
Geneva	f	66	19	Seoul	r	61	16
Gibraltar	f	64	18	Sngapore	c	82	28
Glasgow	f	55	13	Strasburg	f	68	20
Guernsey	f	52	11	Stockhlm	s	63	17
Helsinki	s	66	19	Sydney	c	64	18
Hongkng	f	86	30	Tangier	f	63	17
Innsbruck	f	72	22	Tel Aviv	c	72	22
I.o.M.	r	52	11	Toronto	s	72	22
Istanbul	f	70	21	Tunis	c	66	19
Jeddah	s	95	35	Valencia	f	66	19
Jersey	c	55	13	*Vancuvr	f	50	10
Jonsbrg	f	59	15	Venice	f	72	22
Karachi	s	100	38	Vienna	s	77	25
Larnaca	f	75	24	Warsaw	s	84	29
L Palmas	f	70	21	*Wshngtn	f	82	28
*Lima	s	68	20	Welingtn	r	52	11
Lisbon	c	63	17	Zurich	s	66	19

Key: C—cloudy, f—fair, r—rain, s—sunny, th—thunder. Temps: (F. & C.) lunchtime generally.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 54F (12C): Min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 46F (8C); rainfall 0·15in; sunshine nil.

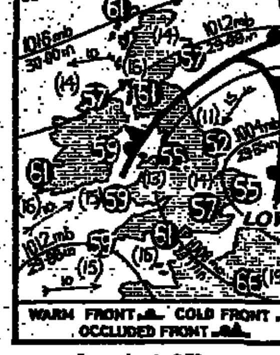
In Britain yesterday (daytime): warmest, Diabaig 64F (18C); coldest, Tynemouth 46F (8C); wettest, Wittering Saws 0·83in; sunniest, Stornoway 14·5 hours.

Lighting-up time 9.14 p.m. to 4.39 a.m. Sun rises 5.11 a.m. Sets 8.44 p.m. Moon rises 3.46 a.m. Sets 2.54 p.m. High water at London Bridge 10.49 a.m. (19.4ft); 11.10 p.m. (18.8ft). Dover 8.35 a.m. (17ft); 8.44 p.m. (18ft).

GOLF

GLOS & SOMERSET PGA CH'SHIP (Lansdown): 140—A. Sparrow (Shirehampton Park) 70, 70. 143—G. Marks (Saltford) 69, 74. 144—T. Morgan (R. Forest of Dean) 74, 70. 146—T. Watts (Cotswold Edge) 79, 67 (course record). Amat: 147—D. Wood (Chipping Sodbury) 73, 74.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.50 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday.

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Yarmouth	—	—	46	8	Cloudy
Scarboro	—	0.19	46	8	Dull
Bridlngtn	—	0.08	48	9	Dull
Skegness	—	0.02	48	9	Dull
Lowestoft	6.5	0.03	54	12	Sunny
Clacton	2.6	0.43	58	15	Bgt pds
South					
Folkestone	0.9	0.49	57	14	Cloudy
Hastings	—	0.35	52	11	Cloudy
Eastbourne	2.6	0.25	52	11	Cloudy
Brighton	4.3	0.24	55	13	Bright
Worthing	7.1	0.07	54	12	Sunny
Littlehptn	7.8	0.07	55	13	Sunny
Bognor	9.0	0.10	55	13	Sunny
Hayling Is	8.5	0.02	55	13	Sunny
Southsea	7.8	—	55	13	Sunny
Ryde	8.0	—	55	13	Sunny
Sandown	7.1	0.06	57	14	Sny pm
Shanklin	7.0	0.18	55	13	Sunny
Ventnor	5.9	0.09	61	16	Sunny
Bournemth	4.7	0.02	55	13	Sny pm
Poole	2.0	0.10	59	15	Rain am
Swanage	5.7	0.01	57	14	Cldy am
Weymouth	5.4	0.01	55	13	Bgt pds
Exmouth	6.2	—	59	15	Sny am
Teignmth	4.0	—	57	14	Sny am
Torquay	4.9	0.01	59	15	Bgt pds
Falmouth	2.9	0.04	59	15	Bright
Penzance	6.5	—	59	15	Cloudy
Scilly Is	4.2	0.01	59	15	Cloudy
Guernsey	5.6	—	57	14	Sunny
West					
Newquay	7.1	0.01	61	16	Sny pm
Ilfracombe	5.0	0.02	55	13	Sny pm
Southport	0.4	0.02	52	11	Shrs pm
Morecambe	1.1	0.03	54	12	Dull
Douglas	1.4	0.13	52	11	Rain
Wales					
Prestatyn	—	0.19	54	12	Rain pm
Colwyn B	—	0.20	52	11	Cloudy
Tenby	3.8	0.09	57	14	Cloudy
Scotland					
Eskdlemuir	3.7	—	55	13	Shrs pm
Prestwick	4.5	—	61	16	Bgt pds
Glasgow	1.1	—	61	16	Sny pm
Tiree	13.3	—	55	13	Sunny
Stornoway	14.5	—	55	13	Sunny
Lerwick	13.3	—	55	13	Sunny
Wick	9.9	—	54	12	Sunny
Kinloss	5.8	—	54	12	Sunny
Aberdeen	5.8	—	52	11	Dry am
St Andrws	5.4	—	55	13	Sny pm
Edinburgh	7.5	—	57	14	Sny pm
Northern Ireland					
Belfast	4.9	—	55	13	Shrs pm
Lake District					
Ambleside	0.9	—	54	12	Cloudy
Kendal	0.4	—	55	13	Cloudy
Keswick	2.9	0.01	57	14	Sny pds